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Movement to dump Thatcher 'growing'

LONDON, Sept. 23, (AP) — Two British independent correspondents reported Wednesday a growing movement in the Conservative Party to dump Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The first rebellion against Mrs. Thatcher to surface since she took office 28 months ago. There was no immediate comment from Conservative Party headquarters, but a third of the 335 Conservative members of the House of Commons lack confidence in their leader's policies, reported Walery, the usually well-informed political correspondent for the *Sun* newspaper, which usually supports the Tories.

Some critics claim they could rustle up about 70 Tory members of parliament in a show of no-confidence against Thatcher policies," Terry said. "Secret meetings have been held in a bid to find someone who dares oppose" her, Moncrieff wrote, and former Cabinet Minister Geoffrey Rippon is being urged to run against her.

Mrs. Thatcher dropped or shifted critics of her economic policies in a cabinet shakeup Sept. 14. One of those fired, Sir Ian Gilmour.

The reports on Tory rebellion apparently came after the government reported the unemployment rate had risen to a post-1930's high of 2.9 million, or 22 1/2 percent of the work force. Last week the government announced that the inflation rate is rising again after a five-month decline, Mrs. Thatcher insists that inflation is Britain's chief enemy, and says her tight-money policies must be maintained to control it.

8% of workforce EC jobless hit 9.1m

RUSSELS, Sept. 23 (AP) — Unemployment in the 10-nation European Economic Community hit a record 9.1 million in August, according to statistics released Wednesday. Eight percent of the force was jobless, compared to 7.8 percent in July and 6.1 percent in August 1980. The rate had been the worst since the EEC formed in 1958.

Richard, EEC social affairs commissioner, predicted before the summer that as economic conditions improved, the unemployment toll will hit 9 percent before 1982.

Britain and Ireland had the worst, with higher than 10 percent. France was in Greece and Italy improved slightly, but not enough to alter the basic percentage rate more than a few hundredths of percent.

Here are the rates for each country, compared to July:

- West Germany 4.9 percent, up 0.1 percent;
- France 8.8 percent, up 0.3 percent;
- Italy unchanged at 8.6 percent;
- Netherlands 7.8 percent, up 0.2 percent;
- Belgium 12.6 percent, up 0.4 percent;
- Luxembourg 0.52 percent, up 0.5 percent;
- Britain 12.5 percent, up 1.9 percent;
- Ireland 10.4 percent, up 0.1 percent;
- Denmark 7.3 percent, up 0.3 percent;
- Greece unchanged at 0.7 percent.

Unemployment is usually measured by the number of dismissed people eligible for public assistance.

'Inflation slows for 7th month'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (AP) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said Wednesday that consumer price inflation in the industrial countries slowed again in June for the seventh consecutive month. The annual rate of increase of consumer prices in these countries eased in June to 9.6 percent, having declined every month since the 11.6 percent peak of November 1980, the IMF said.

However, prices accelerated again in five of the seven countries for which July data are available. These are Belgium, West Germany, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. Prices in July declined in only two — Finland and the Netherlands.

In its monthly publication, *International Financial Statistics*, the IMF also reported that: — The industrial countries had a \$47.2 billion trade deficit in the first half of this year, including a \$6.6 billion deficit in June.

— Most of the major industrial countries recorded losses in their foreign exchange reserves in July owing largely to intervention in the foreign exchange markets by their central banks.

— The wholesale price index, expressed in U.S. dollars, for internationally traded commodities fell 0.8 percent in August to 137.1 (1975 equals 100), its lowest value since January, 1979.

— The aggregate U.S. dollar value of exports of industrial countries rose slightly in June while the value of their imports remained unchanged.

The IMF provides short-term loans to assist financially troubled countries and to maintain stable international money markets. It also compiles statistics on consumer prices, trade and foreign exchange reserves of its member countries.

Second F-4 crashes in Turkish town

ANKARA, Sept. 23 (Agencies) — A Turkish Air Force F-4 Phantom fighter crashed near the town of Saray in Thrace about 110 kms from Istanbul, killing its two pilots and wounding a private citizen on land.

It was the second crash a day after another Turkish jetfighter slammed down onto a bivouac area killing 40 soldiers and wounding another 67.

Military officials confirming the crash said the plane was taking part in preparations for the upcoming NATO exercises in western Turkey. They identified the dead pilots as Maj. Bora Tunca and Capt. Kubilay Mayadagli.

Sources here said an infantry trooper, still not identified, was slightly wounded when the jetfighter crashed. The cause of the accident is being investigated, officials said. The crash occurred about 1200 local (0900 GMT) Wednesday, near the area where the F-5 jetfighter crashed Tuesday while preparing for the NATO exercises.

Officials said the wreckage of the fighter was discovered a few kms from the headquarters of an armored brigade near the town of Saray.

The NATO exercises will start Thursday in Thrace, with the participation of more than 60,000 troops from Turkey, the United States, Great Britain, Italy, Greece and Portugal.

Meanwhile officials reported Wednesday the death toll of Tuesday's crash rose to 40 from 35.

The first army command in Istanbul announced Wednesday the pilot and 34 troopers were killed and 72 soldiers wounded.

Saudi Arabia's role affirmed in messages

RIYADH, Sept. 23 (SPA) — On the occurrence of Saudi Arabia's National Day, King Khalid received numerous congratulations from the leaders of many countries around the world and the special occasion was commemorated with a number of special newspaper supplements which appeared both in the Kingdom and abroad.

Pakistan President General Muhammad Zia ul-Haq, in his greetings to the King said Pakistan and Saudi Arabia are linked by age-old ties of Islamic brotherhood and deep-rooted cultural affinity. The message expressed confidence that mutual understanding, close friendship and brotherly cooperation will expand and grow even stronger in years to come for the common good of the two peoples as well as entire Islamic world.

President Chiang Ching-Kou sent a congratulatory message to the King and cabled his felicitations separately to Crown Prince Fahd and Foreign Minister Prince Saud.

The Arab and Islamic press lauded King Abdul Aziz's role in uniting the country through his tireless efforts and firm faith saying the King had laid the correct bases for the Kingdom in accordance with the divine laws and the prophetic traditions.

In Beirut, *Al Anwar* newspaper said that the Kingdom's unification was a splendid work to eliminate disunity that had prevailed in the Arabian Peninsula.

Another daily *Al Jomhour* said the Kingdom carved out a position of weight for itself at Gulf, Arab and international levels. It described the Kingdom as a "powerful shield" for the Arab countries of the Gulf, and said that it is striving to restore Arab rights and usurped Arab lands and to help set up an independent state of Palestine.

Al Baitaq devoted a full page to the Kingdom's National Day, reviewing the story of unification that had begun with the conquest of Riyadh by King Abdul Aziz. It said that the Arabs and Muslims share Saudi Arabia's rejoicings on this occasion.

In Islamabad, Pakistani newspapers issued supplements with special articles on this occasion. In a special supplement, the English daily *Pakistan Times* said that Saudi Arabia's modern history can be described the "history of glories".

An Urdu language daily *Jung* commended the Kingdom's role in the sphere of international politics and made a special reference to its struggle for the restoration of the rights of Arab Muslims in Jerusalem and Palestine.

As Sarkis urges unity 8 die in Lebanon fights

BEIRUT, Sept. 23 (Agencies) — Clashes between rival militias in eastern and northern Lebanon left eight persons dead and several others wounded in overnight street battles, Lebanese newspapers reported Wednesday.

In the eastern Lebanese village of Tammin El-Fawqa, the clashes pitted "Amal" against the Lebanese Communist Party. Three persons were killed and five others wounded in the fighting. The independent Lebanese newspaper *An-Nahar* said Amal in a communiqué blamed the Communists for the killing of two of its men. It also alleged the Communists had torn down its posters.

In the northern coastal city of Tripoli, 80 killed in Beirut, the "Popular Resistance" Front clashed with the Arab Democratic Party killing five persons and wounding several others, *Al-Liwa* reported. It was not clear what triggered the clashes.

Meanwhile, in a radio broadcast on the fifth anniversary of his accession to power, President Elias Sarkis Tuesday called on Arab heads of state to take a unified decision to protect southern Lebanon as a "sovereign, integral and independent homeland".

Sarkis also appealed to the country's rival militia leaders to bury their differences and begin a dialogue toward national reconciliation. "It is not fair to throw on Lebanon alone, in the face of the Israeli aggression, the burdens of a war of attrition that could undermine its existence," he said. He was alluding to the confrontation between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization that has turned more than 100,000 southern villagers into refugees elsewhere in Lebanon.

He said Lebanon was still seeking a summit conference of Arab states to resolve the question of southern Lebanon. But he did not say whether the rest of the Arab heads of state have agreed to hold a special summit before the annual one scheduled in November.

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On promotional campaign Robot's flirting delights air passengers

NEWARK, N.J., Sept. 23 (AP) — He chatted with admirers, tipped the porter and professed love to a ticket agent and a metal detector. Then with a blink of his lights, the most high-powered business traveler Newark International Airport ever had was on the plane to Miami. The first person to cross his path was a stunned-looking ticket agent handling passengers for Eastern Airlines Flight 7.

With lights flashing from his head, Sico, a 6-foot-1 (184 cm) aluminum and fiberglass robot, booked two seats in first class, saying his companion would be along shortly. Then, to the shock and delight of the passengers in the airport, the Robot said to a passing ticket agent:

"You are beautiful and I will never forget you, I mean that from the bottom of my main transistor."

As onlookers hurried to take pictures, Sico told a man trying to change film rolls: "I know how difficult cameras are to handle. I used to date one. I think her name was Polaroid. Boy was she fast."

The robot rolled on its four wheels down the boarding ramp and into a waiting plane. Sico took a seat in row 1-a, and was followed shortly by the rest of the Miami-bound passengers, including Robert Doornick, of New York, the man behind the machine.

Sico is one of four robots, worth an estimated \$250,000 each, created by International Robotics Inc., a five-year-old New York corporation. Doornick said his company is developing the robots for use in research laboratories. Among other things, the robots are designed to handle dangerous chemicals. The company also hopes the robots may be useful in coaxing autistic children to communicate.

To get research money, the corporation leases the robots for promotional campaigns. Sico was on his way to a performance before automotive executives at the Miami Convention Center.

Tight vigil as Reagan visits Hilton

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23, (R) — President Reagan returned Tuesday, amid unusually tight security to the Washington hotel where he was wounded in an assassination attempt earlier this year. Reagan and his wife Nancy were ushered into the Hilton Hotel through a back entrance normally used by staff, avoiding crowds gathered at the front doors.

The president was shot in front of the hotel on March 30 along with White House Press Secretary James Brady, a Secret Service agent and a police man, John Hinckley Jr., 26, son of a wealthy oil company executive has been charged with the shooting.

The president returned to the hotel for a fund-raising dinner for the Multiple Sclerosis Society attended by most of Washington's diplomatic corps and many celebrities.

The International Ballroom, where the function was held, was cleared several hours before the event for an intensive Secret Service sweep and agents were stationed throughout the hotel, administration officials said.

Dacca plotters executed

DACCA, Sept. 23 (Agencies) — Twelve army officers sentenced to death for complicity in the assassination of President Ziaur Rahman in a coup attempt last May were executed early Wednesday, a military intelligence source said.

The Bangladesh Supreme Court Tuesday rejected appeals against the military court verdict, saying it had no jurisdiction to interfere in the case. The military court tried 31 officers, in connection with the attempted coup. Seventeen were sent to jail and two released after turning state witness.

The 12 executed Wednesday were sentenced to death for a mutiny in Chittagong that plunged Bangladesh into political uncertainty from which it has not yet emerged. Elections to choose a successor to President Rahman are due to be held Nov. 15.

The sentences ended a controversial period here in a high several opposition parties, including the Awami League, wanted the death sentences commuted, though others were in favor of those found guilty being executed. President Ziaur Rahman was killed with several others in a 48-hour mutiny May 30 in the southeastern city of Chittagong.

Five of the officers hanged were identified as Brig. Mohsinuddin, Col. Rashid, Col. Nawazish, Lt. Col. Mahfuz, Lt.-Col. Delwar. The others were four majors, two captains and a lieutenant.

Relatives of the 12 sentenced to death appealed against the sentences both to the court martial and the high court. The sentences were carried out after these appeals were considered and rejected.

The coup leader, Maj. Gen. Abul Manzoor, commander of the Chittagong garrison, was caught shortly afterward while fleeing a jungle hideout and subsequently reported killed by angry soldiers loyal to the government.

Meanwhile, Bangladeshi authorities early Wednesday arrested retired Col. Nuruzzaman, chairman of one of three freedom fighters' associations, at his residence, family sources said. The arrest coincided with the execution of 12 army officers.

Official sources confirmed the arrest, but gave no reason. Col. Nuruzzaman recently called for the executions to be stopped. He became a vocal critic of the government of acting President Justice Abdus Sattar shortly after the assassination of President Ziaur Rahman.

Col. Nuruzzaman made public statements accusing the government of acting against the interests of the forces who actively participated in the country's war of liberation in 1971. The government denied the allegations, describing them as motivated and false.

At a public rally in Dacca recently, Col. Nuruzzaman claimed that the 62 condemned army officers were freedom fighters and demanded the stopping of their executions.

Britons' first preference for jobs is Kingdom

LONDON, Sept. 23 (AP) — Britons have placed Saudi Arabia in the first place where they would most like to work and the United States as their fourth choice, according to a survey released Wednesday. Overseas Recruitment Services, a private commercial employment agency, said it sent about 1,000 questionnaires to people who had applied for work through the agency and received responses from 277 of them. Applicants were asked to name their top three choices of countries in which to work.

Tony Reeves, managing director, said Saudi Arabia headed the list, followed by Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, the United States, Hong Kong, West Germany and Canada.

Reeves said the United States always ranked high on the survey, which the firm did in 1973 and 1977. He said California was far and away the top choice among Britons of states in which to work.

The least popular countries named by the respondents were, in order, Iran, Uganda, Angola, the Soviet Union and Bangladesh.

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On National Day

Officials uphold founder's message

TAIF, Sept. 23 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, said Wednesday that the Kingdom embodies a message that speaks of the oneness of God and believes in the divine law and the traditions of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

In a national day message, Prince Abdullah recalled the struggle of the Kingdom's founder, King Abdul Aziz, and said that his efforts had brought an end to regional differences and tribal feuds within the framework of Islam.

He said that Saudi Arabia reaffirms the role of the individual and keeps the individual and the official on an equal footing in the matter of rights. The state considers the individual an equal partner in the discharge of responsibility and calls upon him to carry out his obligations toward God and his homeland and people, he added.

The prince said that this standpoint of the state assigns to individuals, groups and state

guided by man-made laws.

Minister of Interior Prince Naif called upon the countrymen to work harder so they can preserve what the Kingdom has accomplished since its inception.

Speaking to Saudi Radio, Prince Naif said the nation is capable of building itself by itself, by relying on God and then on the people of the country. He said it is the duty of everyone to serve the faith and to work for the security and stability of the country. He added that Saudi Arabians have a major responsibility for all times and places. The Kingdom reaffirms to the whole world that it enjoys security and stability only through the application of the divine laws.

In a similar message, Governor of Madinah Prince Abdul Mohsen said the national day is an eternal occasion when God had blessed this nation with unity through the efforts of King Abdul Aziz. The state is strongly united under the banner of Islam and the credit for its peace and security goes to those men who

unified it and worked assiduously to stabilize the whole country.

Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilawi described the occasion as a unique day in the history of the Kingdom, when it had been united by King Abdul Aziz and peace and security had been restored in all parts of the country.

Meanwhile, Governor of Qasim Prince Abdul Dah said he was proud of this occasion "which carries a memory so precious to our hearts. Ever since its inception, the Kingdom has ceaselessly worked to realize the aims and objectives for which King Abdul Aziz had dedicated himself and had counseled us to uphold those aims.

The prince said that the day reminds the Saudi Arabians of the country's political stability and the beginning of a stage of economic and social development without parallel in history.

Minister of Communications Sheikh Hussein Mansouri said the occasion refreshes the memory of a precious day when King Abdul Aziz had united the homeland through his splendid heroism and struggle. That day was the starting point for the country's all-out resurgence and development in all spheres.



HONORED: Shen Chang-huan (left), secretary-general of the Chinese national security council, decorated Abdul-Aziz Abdullah Al-Salem, secretary-general of the Saudi Arabian national security council, with the Order of Brilliant Star with Grand Cordons at the Government Guest House last week. Shen also decorated three other Saudi Arabian officials on the same occasion.

MWL hears Filipino plea

MAKKAH, Sept. 23 (SPA) — The constituent council of the Muslim World League (MWL) held its fifth session Tuesday under the chairmanship of Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz.

The council session, also attended by MWL Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, discussed a report submitted by the political committee on Islamic issues led by the Muslims problem in the

Philippines and Burma. The committee recommended in its report a declaration of support from Islamic countries in "shouldering the responsibilities toward the Muslims of eastern Turkestan region in China." A Filipino representative, addressing the session expressed his gratitude for the help extended by MWL for the four million Muslims of the Philippines.

\$40m contract saves U.S. firm

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 — A California-based construction company, faced with a depressed home-building market in the United States, has turned to exporting prefabricated houses to Saudi Arabia to help stay in business.

American Home Industries (AHI) has a \$40 million contract with a Saudi Arabian oil company to build 600 prefabricated homes for its American employees.

While many firms specialize in exporting prefabricated offices and dormitories, American Home Industries is one of the few

companies that sell prefabricated family homes abroad, according to AHI's President Dave Cross.

The company originally built conventional types of homes, but when the housing market depressed in the U.S. because of high interest rates, the Californian firm branched out into prefabricated homes and the export business. Cross said that the "exporting helps the company" to survive.

The homes are assembled in the U.S. and are then shipped to Saudi Arabia, where they are set into a concrete foundation at the site.

TAIF, (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif who is also chairman of the supreme information council chaired a meeting of the council here Tuesday night at his office here. He reviewed with the members the country's information policy and the framework for an efficient and consistent mass communications plan that is in keeping with the general development and progress of the country as a whole.

YANBU, (SPA) — The Director of Public Security Gen. Abdullah Al Sheikh toured the city Tuesday and inspected the arrangements and facilities that are being made for the pilgrims who arrive in the country by sea. He held talks with police officers and civil defense and gave them instructions about providing the best possible services.

TAIF, (SPA) — The Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri will visit Oman for four days beginning next Tuesday at the invitation of his counterpart Salem Nasser Al Busaidi. The two ministers will discuss further cooperation between the two countries in communications.

DAMMAM, (SPA) — The Korean trade delegation at present visiting the country met with the secretary general of the Eastern Province's Chamber of Commerce and Industry Wednesday. The meeting was attended by a number of merchants who discussed with the


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Koreans the possibility of setting up joint ventures in the Kingdom. The Korean visitors included specialists in building materials and allied trades.

RIYADH, (SPA) — Deputy Governor Prince Sattam signed here Wednesday a SR243 million contract with a company for the building of a drainage network for some parts of the capital. The contract, which should be completed in 18 months, will cover the old Sulaimaniya districts. It is part of a number of contracts which will be put out for tender during the year.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — The Prime Minister of Guinea Lansana Beavogui arrived here Wednesday to perform the pilgrimage this year. He was welcomed by a representative of the royal protocol and the Guinean ambassador and other officials. Before going to Makkah he will visit the Prophet's mosque in Medina for prayers.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Niger's Foreign Minister Daoud Galo arrived here Tuesday evening for talks with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal. He was met at the airport by Salem Sunbul, foreign minister chief of protocol and Niger's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Oumarou Amadou. Niger will host the 13th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers in Niamey next summer.

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Solaim warns U.S. over AWACS deal

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 — Saudi Arabia and its people are finding themselves "at a loss to answer" the current U.S. hesitation to follow through wholeheartedly with the AWACS package, according to Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim.

"The AWACS (sales) are being opposed on the basis of an imagined threat to Israel. Yet when (Israeli Prime Minister Menahem) Begin actually violated the air space of others, bombing Beirut and Baghdad, and violates his country's agreement with the United States on the use of American weapons, all he gets is a slap on the wrist," the commerce minister wrote in a guest column that appeared this week in the *Washington Post*. "So much for the long-promised evenhanded policy in the Middle East."

The minister wrote that the two main issues at stake in the AWACS debate are the U.S.-Saudi Arabian bilateral relations and "the grip of the Israeli lobby on America's ability to act in its own interests."

"When we, Saudis, reflect on the developing debate over the AWACS, we cannot fail to see the contrast between the way the United States treats Israel and the way we are treated. Nor can we help seeing the irony in the eagerness to provide Israel with whatever it demands — often at the expense of American taxpayers — while getting approval of Saudi Arabia's requests, completely paid for by our government is like pulling teeth," according to Solaim.

He indicated that earlier Saudi Arabian statements that the Kingdom will look elsewhere for its defense needs if the AWACS sale is blocked does not mean that they will "be looking for soft shoulders to cry on." The

main reason for such statements is that the Kingdom is planning to follow an existing trend toward diversification of its relations with the big powers.

Solaim contends that the current congressional opposition to the AWACS sale not only reflects the power of the Israeli lobby, but it also shows "that we are being taken for granted by those who have their eyes on their own political gains, with little regard for what we perceive as the larger interests of the United States and its friends in the area."

He raised the question of whether, in the future, Saudi Arabia will be blamed if it questions the U.S. ability to deliver on its promises, or "does it need to get such a promise cleared first with Begin, or whoever is Israel's current leader, in order to guarantee a fair hearing?"

"Saudi Arabia has proven its friendship with the United States in different areas and at the most critical of times: we are producing far more oil than necessary to finance our development, we have conducted our investments in a most responsible manner and continue to support the American dollar, we have helped reorient certain regimes in the area toward a pro-Western posture, and we counseled caution and moderation to our neighbors, including the Palestinians."

"Those of us who have come to value this friendship are watching the current debate with serious concern," he continued. "Whether or not the AWACS sale is approved, we will have to provide answers to the pointed questions and raised eyebrows about our American connection. After 50 years of constructive partnership with the United States, we find ourselves today at a loss to answer."

Local contractors given top priority in government works

RIYADH, Sept. 23 (SPA) — The Commerce Ministry issued a statement Tuesday saying that henceforth it will not permit the granting of temporary licenses to any foreign company or entrepreneur to carry out a contracting activity which, according to a royal decree, are confined to Saudi Arabian contractors.

These activities include catering, maintenance, operation, cleaning, transportation, the supply of raw materials and similar activities, as it has a large number of Saudi Arabian contractors who have the necessary experience.

It added that the government of King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd is working to

encourage national contractors and would not like that the government department's dealings be restricted to a few contractors and suppliers. Therefore, it is giving the chance to Saudi Arabians — individuals and firms — who have acquired enough experience and qualification to work with the government, execute public projects and be treated on an equal footing with others.

It was in this spirit that the recent royal decree, providing for a number of recommendations to be implemented to encourage Saudi contracting, other than in the construction field, should be confined to Saudi Arabians.

Malta backs Prince Fahd's eight-point peace plan

TAIF, Sept. 23 (SPA) — Malta has welcomed Crown Prince Fahd's eight-point plan for a comprehensive and just peace in the Middle East and said that the plan was the correct basis for the settlement of the Palestinian issue.

In a joint communique released here Tuesday evening at the end of a two-day visit to Saudi Arabia by Prime Minister Dom Mintoff, Malta reaffirmed its support for the Arab and Palestinian viewpoint considering the Palestinian cause as the core of the Middle East conflict. It said that it is imperative for Israel to withdraw totally from all the Arab and Palestinian territories occupied in 1967, including Jerusalem. It also said that the Palestinian people, represented by the Palestine Liberation Organization, must exercise their national rights, including the right to determine their own future and set up an independent state.

Saudi Arabia and Malta expressed their satisfaction for the development and evolution of Saudi-Maltese relations, and the Saudi Arabian side accepted, in principle, to carry out three types of vital developmental projects in Malta. The projects are the construction of a shipbuilding yard; saline water conversion projects; and telecommunications projects. Besides, the Maltese side thanked Saudi Arabia for the unconditional aid for development it extended to it. To foster such cooperation, Saudi Arabia has appointed its Rome Ambassador Sheikh Khaled Al-Nasser Al-Turki as ambassador plenipotentiary in Malta. Likewise, Malta has appointed George Saliba as non-resident ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

The Maltese side welcomed the establishment of the Gulf Cooperation Council as a model of cooperation among sisterly countries bound, like the rest of the Arab world, deep-rooted historical links with the people of Malta. It asserted that the people and government of Malta will pursue their effective role in promoting the rapprochement as well as cooperation between the Arab world and Europe.

For its part, Saudi Arabia welcomed and supported the freedom of the people and government of Malta to turn Malta into a neutral country following the policy of non-alignment. Premier Mintoff extended an invitation to King Khalid to visit Malta and thanked him and the Saudi government for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to him and his delegation during their visit to the Kingdom.

Japan hails Kingdom's policy

Tokyo Bureau

TOKYO, Sept. 23 — The Japanese Minister of Finance Michio Watanabe said Saudi Arabia has achieved a remarkable progress during the last few years which brought it to the forefront of the developing states having registered a real growth of 10 percent per year.

In a special message on the occasion of the country's National Day Watanabe said "Saudi Arabia has successfully managed two five-year development plans since 1970 and is now busy implementing the third one."

He said the annual real growth rate during this period has surpassed 10 percent annually. "Although the price situation temporarily deteriorated shortly after the start of the second plan, the rate of inflation was arrested and brought down until it recorded only a few percentage points at an annual rate due to an excellent policy management by the leadership," he said. He said he firmly believed that the third plan will contribute substantially to further the economic development of the country.

Watanabe said the Kingdom is one of the major powers that exert a vital influence on

Record calls placed in June by subscribers

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Sept. 23 — Telephone subscribers in the Kingdom have set a record in the number of international telephone calls during the month of Shaaban (June), according to a recent Saudi telephone report.

During that month, 1.5 million international calls were placed from Saudi Arabia which not only indicates the cosmopolitan nature of the people, but also reflects the tremendous improvement in the massive telephone expansion program, the report said.

The daily average number of international calls during June reached 51,000, a figure that would be considered high for any advanced nation.

Yet another record was set for subscribers who made international calls themselves, without the assistance of the operator, by using the access codes. These calls accounted for more than 83 percent of the total number, representing a figure of about 43,000 per day. Subscribers in the Kingdom are provided with direct dialing facilities to 90 countries around the world.

According to Saudi telephone the number of international calls made by the Kingdom's subscribers has risen steadily since the start of the telephone expansion program. An average of three international calls are made now per working line in a month, enhancing the half-a-million telephone lines limestone recently accomplished by the company.

the sound development of the world economy through the production of crude oil which is equivalent to 15 percent of global output with 25 percent of the world's aggregate crude oil reserves. Japan, which is heavily dependent on foreign oil supplies deeply appreciates Saudi Arabia's sound and reliable oil supply policies which aim at a healthy and sustained growth of the world's economy," he said.

Watanabe commended the Kingdom's generous foreign aid policy in many ways. "It is well-known that the Kingdom has been greatly contributing to the recycling of financial resources to the oil-importing countries through the international financial institutions and through investments in private financial and money markets in the world. It also has been an active donor to developing countries," he said.

It is expected that the medium-term borrowing agreement with the International Monetary Fund covering the next two years, which became effective last May, will significantly contribute to the smooth recycling of financial resources to needy states. Watanabe said that in terms of bilateral relationships, Saudi Arabia and Japan are very close in various respects. "Saudi Arabia is supplying 30 percent of our total crude imports and is the second largest trading partner after the United States in terms of aggregate trade, imports and exports. Imports from Japan, mainly plant and durable goods, amount to 15 percent of the Kingdom's total imports and Japan is the second largest source of

goods for the Kingdom," he said.

Watanabe said that financial investments from Saudi Arabia in Japan have contributed not only to financing Japan's current account deficits but also the recycling into non-oil developing countries.

"This is a memorable year for the Japanese economic cooperation with the Kingdom," he said. Petrochemical and desalination projects have taken large steps forward. The feasibility research was undertaken ten years ago and it is interesting to us that a Japanese system will be carried out for the first time in Saudi Arabia to convert sea water into fresh water suitable for drinking and irrigation.

SR40m farms granted licenses

TAIF, Sept. 23 (SPA) — Justice Minister Sheikh Ibrahim ibn Muhammad Al-Sbeikh, acting agriculture and water minister, approved Wednesday licenses for establishing five agricultural projects with a total cost of SR38.98 million. The projects involve green houses for producing vegetables.

Three of the green houses, to be established in Kharj area, will have a combined annual production of 2,544 tons of vegetables. They will cost SR31.4 million. Meanwhile, one will be built in Hail at a cost of SR3.7 million and produce 150 tons of cucumber and 150 tons of tomatoes.

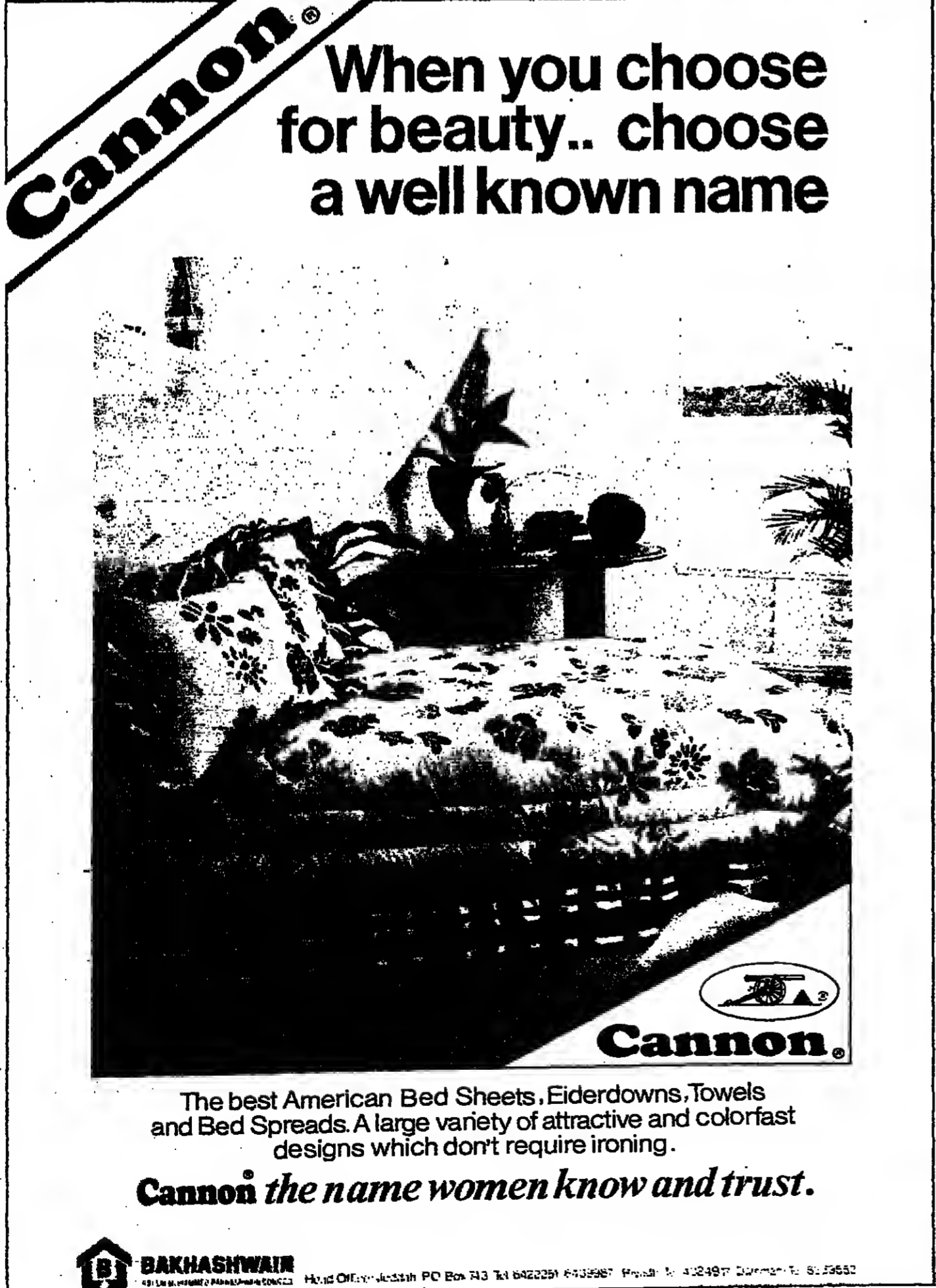
Red Crescent donates to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 23 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Red Crescent donated Tuesday one truck-load of relief materials to the earthquake victims in Pakistan's northern Gilgit area. The relief aid consists of tents, blankets, sugar, milk powder, cloth and medicine.

Darel Valley in the rugged mountains Gilgit district, near the Chinese and Afghan borders, was hit by a severe earthquake earlier this month in which more than 400 persons were reported dead and 20,000 rendered homeless.

Prayer Times

Thursday	Makkah	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Baraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4:45	4:46	4:17	4:04	4:28	4:58
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:13	12:11	11:45	11:32	11:56	12:26
Asr (Afternoon)	3:37	3:39	3:11	2:58	3:22	3:52
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:16	6:17	5:48	5:35	6:00	6:29
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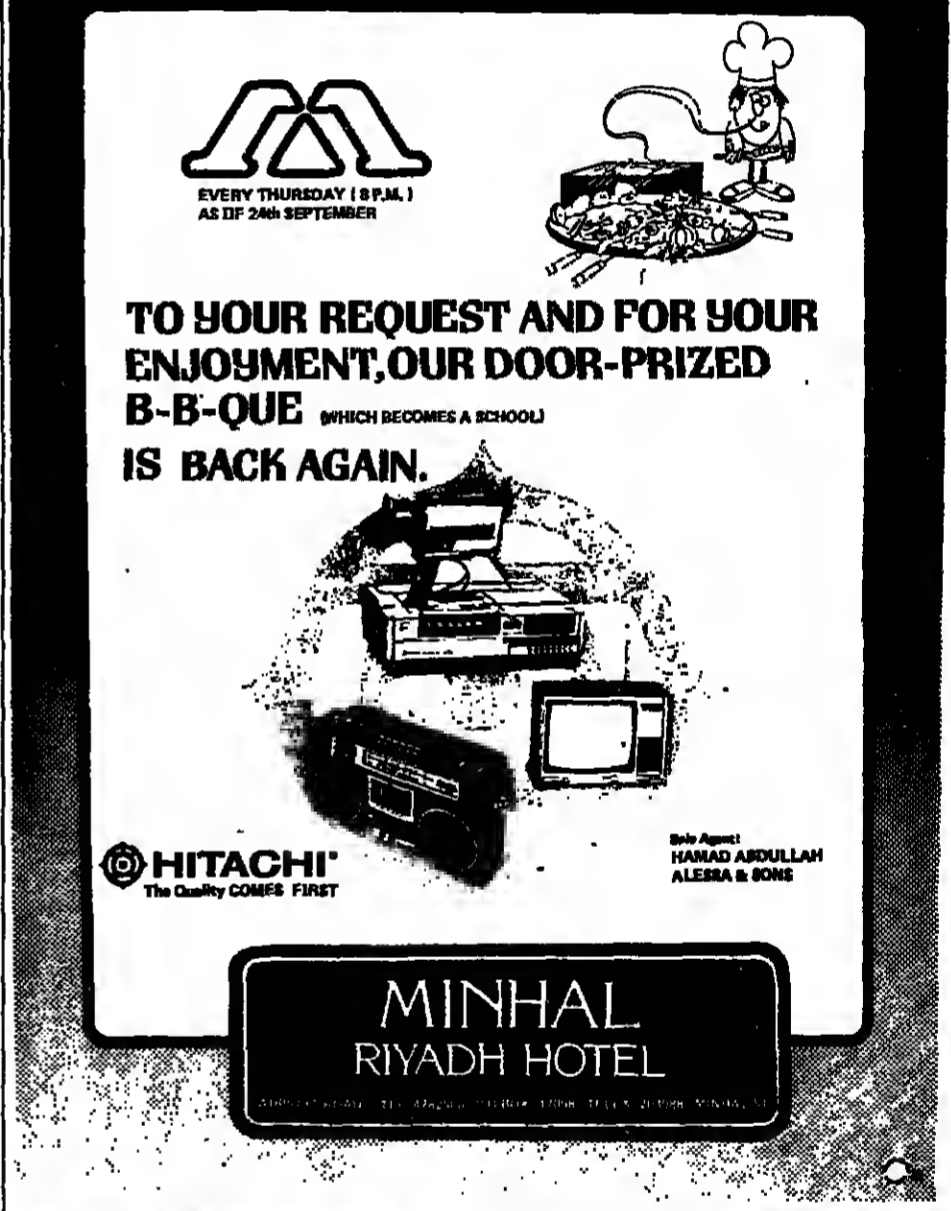
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'Sadat yielding to Israel'

Egypt's intellectuals denounce crackdown

PARIS, Sept. 23 (AP) — A group of Egyptian intellectuals Tuesday denounced President Anwar Sadat's recent crackdown in Egypt, saying the wave of arrests has netted more than 5,000 political opponents of all types.

Louftallah Soliman, an Egyptian journalist, said that Sadat's claim that religious conflicts threatened a destabilization of the country was false. Louftallah told a news conference, organized by a group called the Committee of Egyptians Against Repression, that the real reason for the arrests was opposition to the Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel.

"It is bad for our people to be isolated in

the Arab world for having normalized relations with Israel, said Soliman. "We are not opposed to peace. We are opposed to a peace that ignores the essential problem — that is, the Palestinian people. We refuse that Egypt be used for American strategic interests."

Muhammad Sid-Ahmad, a member of the legal leftist opposition, said Sadat had succumbed to Israeli pressure to launch the crackdown.

The two men said those arrested in the crackdown were being kept isolated, family visits were being refused, and their lawyers were appointed by the state.

U.S. lone dissenter

Call at IAEA to expel Israel

VIENNA, Sept. 23 (R) — Islamic states united Tuesday around a call for Israel's expulsion from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for its raid on Iraq's nuclear research center June 7.

A succession of speakers at the 90-nation general conference of the Vienna-based agency condemned the attack on the Osirak research center near Baghdad as a blow against IAEA safeguards preventing diversion of nuclear materials in military use.

Pakistan, Syria, Tunisia and Sudan supported a recommendation by the IAEA board of governors to suspend Israel, Iraq, which called for Israel's expulsion Monday, was canvassing support for a formal resolution to be submitted to the conference, agency sources said.

The sources said developing nations were divided on the issue.

U.S. delegate Kenneth Davis said his country was directly opposed to any motion to expel Israel.

The Soviet Union and its East European allies condemned the raid as an attempt to undermine confidence in non-proliferation and IAEA safeguards but made no mention of the possible expulsion of Israel. Western nations said the Israeli attack showed the need for increased efforts to improve the agency safeguards under the 1968 non-proliferation treaty.

In Tel Aviv, Israeli Energy Minister Yitzhak Berma said Israel's nuclear research program would not be effected if it is expelled from the IAEA.

UNESCO condemns digging by Israel

PARIS, Sept. 23 (Agencies) — The executive board of UNESCO condemned Israel Tuesday for excavating historic sites in Jerusalem, a UNESCO spokesman said. The resolution of the Paris-based United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) said the excavations seriously threaten the holy city's historical and cultural sites.

The resolution, passed by 28 votes to one, is expected to be put before a UNESCO General Assembly next spring, the spokesman said. The only vote against the motion came from the United States which said a report by French professor Raymond Lemaire, on which the resolution was based, was biased.

The resolution recommended to the World Heritage Committee to speed up the process of putting the old city of Jerusalem and its walls on the list of world heritage sites in danger.

U.S. may better ties with Arabs, Israelis feel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 23 (AP) — Most Israelis think the United States will probably try to strengthen its ties with Arab states even at the expense of relations with Israel, a survey published here indicates.

The survey by Public Opinion Research of Israel, an independent polling firm, also showed that Israelis believe the United States gives as much or more support to Arab states as it does to Israel. Of the 1,200 adults questioned, 70.3 percent said the United States would risk weakened ties with Israel to strengthen its standing with Arab states. Another 18.9 percent said the United States would not take the risk, and 10.8 percent said they didn't know.

The survey, conducted for *Haaretz* newspaper just prior to Prime Minister Menachem Begin's visit to Washington earlier this month, said 33.2 percent of those questioned believed the United States supports Arab States more than it does Israel. Another 22.2 percent said the United States favored Israel over Arab states, 33.2 percent the United States followed even-handed policy, 7.4 percent said the United States followed only its own interests and did not support either side and 5.8 percent said they did not know whom the United States supported.

Criticizes U.S. role

Nott says Mideast peace linked to Palestinians

AMMAN, Sept. 23 (R) — British Defense Secretary John Nott said here Tuesday that no Middle East settlement would be possible without the involvement of the Palestinians.

Nott told a press conference here that his three-day visit to Jordan had been fruitful and that his country would like to develop stronger relations with Amman. "We are pleased to supply Jordan with Chieftain Tanks, and are anxious to sell the Hawk (trainer aircraft) to the Jordanians," he said. "But no specific deal on aircraft has been confirmed yet during this visit."

Nott said Britain was keen to play a role in helping to resolve the Middle East crisis. "However, no settlement would be possible without the involvement of the Palestinians," he said. The British minister added that since his country was well acquainted

with the Middle East problem, it would help the peace process undertaken by the United States and European Economic Community (EEC) countries.

In reply to a question on the recent U.S.-Israeli agreement on strategic cooperation, Nott said that he had only read about it in the newspapers, but that if it did materialize, it could be damaging to the stability of the region. "If such an agreement were true," he said, "it would certainly lead to a polarization between the superpowers, and thus be damaging to the peace process."

Nott said his talks here with Prime Minister and Defense Minister Mudar Badran and Army Commander-in-Chief Zeid Bin Shaker dealt mainly with bilateral defense matters and the exchange of British and Jordanian officers training.

In Kabul shoot-out

Afghan fighters kill 21 rivals

NEW DELHI, Sept. 23 (Agencies) — Afghan fighters killed 21 persons in the capital Kabul during a night-long shoot-out last Thursday, diplomatic sources said here Wednesday.

Responsibility for the killings was claimed by the "SAMA" (Afghan National Liberation Organization) group, they added. The diplomats could not identify those killed, but Afghan dissident sources here who monitor developments in Afghanistan said most were government soldiers and members of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party of Afghanistan. The rebels also attacked Soviet and Afghan government buildings, the diplomats said, but did not give details.

Diplomats also said both government and rebel forces suffered considerable losses in the Panjshir Valley, about 100 kms north-east of Kabul, during a series of confrontations beginning last week. Between 100 to 30 government soldiers were killed or wounded in the operation to capture the strategic valley from the rebel hold.

The government forces also lost three to four helicopters and 20 to 25 tanks and armed personnel carriers (APCs). The rebels — who continue to hold the valley — lost 50 to 75 men, and 300 to 500 others suffered injuries. Western diplomatic sources said Tuesday that the "SAMA" group, named in last Thursday's Kabul incidents, had mounted attacks on the Soviet residential complex, Macroirayon, near Kabul international airport.

The killings last Thursday were reported in the sector where the Soviet embassy is situated, giving rise to speculation that the rebels rocketed the embassy and damaged part of the embassy. But the diplomats denied reports that the embassy has been damaged.

Meanwhile, in an ABC television show in America, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said the United States has passed them to Afghan rebels Sadat told the NBC television network Tuesday night that the United States had contacted him immediately after the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan in December 1979 and asked him to supply the rebels with Soviet-made arms that Egypt had in its depot.

"The United States sent me planes and told me please open your stores for us so that we can give the Afghans the armaments they need to fight and I gave the armaments," Sadat said.

He said Egypt was still supplying arms to the rebels and would continue to do so "until the Afghans get the Soviets out of their country." The U.S. State Department refused to comment on the Sadat interview except to say that "as far as we know, most of the weapons in rebel hands are Soviet-made."

Qaddafi says U.S. policy harms peace

BUDAPEST, Sept. 23 (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi has said United States foreign policy is threatening world peace, increasing the need for closer ties between Arab and Communist states. Col. Qaddafi who arrived in Budapest Tuesday said at an official dinner that Washington was playing a "direct role in military and terrorist actions against people struggling for freedom and independence," the news agency MTI said.

"This underlines the importance of strengthening relations between the progressive Arab or liberation movements and the Socialist countries," he said. Hungarian Communist Party leader Janos Kadar and President Pal Losonczi were at the dinner.

Libya has joined the pro-Soviet alliance with Ethiopia and South Yemen last month and joined other Arab hardliners last week in calling for closer ties with Moscow to counter U.S.-Israeli cooperation in the Middle East. Qaddafi attacked U.S. policies in the Indian Ocean and Central Europe, particularly plans to produce the neutron warhead and to deploy medium-range missiles in western Europe.

Qaddafi and Kadar opened talks on economic cooperation. Kadar "expressed the wish to improve many-sided cooperation between the two countries, with special attention in strengthening economic relations."

Meanwhile, the Jordanian daily *The Jordan Times* said recent American policies in the Middle East have put problems on moderate Arab states and created discontent among their peoples.

Bomb attack injures four Greek Cypriots

NICOSIA, Sept. 23 (AFP) — Four young Greek Cypriots were injured Wednesday in a grenade attack in southern Cyprus on a company representing the Israeli shipping firm Zim.

A youth brandishing two grenades entered the Shomam offices at Limassol and threw one grenade at the staff before fleeing, officials said. Police arrested a suspect, identified as Muhammad Ibrahim, 26. He was to appear in court. The injured Cypriots were in hospital, and were said to be out of danger.

Canadian minister visits Turkey

ANKARA, Sept. 23 (R) — Canadian Defense Minister Gilles Lamontagne met Turkish government leaders Wednesday to discuss increased cooperation between the two countries in the eastern and western wings of the NATO alliance. Lamontagne, the first defense minister from a NATO country to visit Turkey since the coup a year ago, was given a specially warm welcome which included meetings with head of State Gen.

Kenan Evren, Prime Minister Bulend Ulusu and Defense Minister Haluk Bayulken.

Canada has given Turkey considerable military aid and current deals include aircraft spares and anti-tank rockets, military sources said. Lamontagne, who arrived Tuesday will leave for Cyprus in visit the 1,000-man Canadian contingent in the United Nations peacekeeping force on the divided island.

Morocco resumes trial of editor

RABAT, Sept. 23 (AFP) — The trial resumed in Casablanca Wednesday of Mustapha Karchawi, editor of the Socialist daily *Al Moharrir*, and five leading members of the Socialist Union (USFP) and Democratic Labor confederation (CDT).

coincides with the winding up in Rabat of the trial of USFP first secretary Abdul Rahim Bouabid and four other members of the party's political bureau. The Rabat court case, in which the state is calling for two-year jail sentences, revolves around charges of "disturbing public order" following criticism by USFP leaders of the way a referendum is to be held in Western Sahara.

The resumption of the trial, on charges arising from a general strike here last July,



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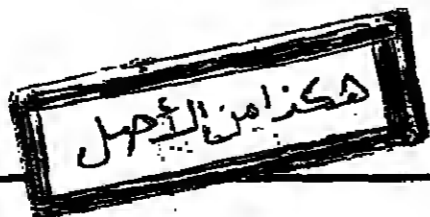
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But no new ideas

Autonomy talks begin in Cairo

CAIRO, Sept. 23 (Agencies) — Egypt and Israel resumed talks Wednesday on Palestinian autonomy but there was no sign either side had new ideas to bridge their wide differences.

A 16-month break in the negotiations ended when the two delegations publicly agreed to work with goodwill and then withdrew along with U.S. diplomats for a 45-minute opening round of discussions. Both sides warned in advance they were not expecting a quick breakthrough and it later appeared they had not yet fixed the details of an agenda for their two days of talks. Officials said the delegation leaders had decided to appoint a sub-committee to finalize the agenda.

The negotiations, part of the Camp David accords, were originally scheduled for completion by May, 1980. But they were suspended with the two disagreeing on the extent of autonomy for the 1.5 million Palestinians living in occupied territory. Egypt is pressing for full autonomy for the

Palestinians while Israel wanted to grant them a severely limited one of self-rule in the West Bank of the Jordan and the Gaza Strip. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin agreed to reopen the negotiations when they met in Alexandria last month.

Wednesday's talks began with the delegation leader, Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and Israeli Interior Minister Yosef Burg making brief statements. Ali said the American and Israeli talks of the past year had created new hope for the negotiations. He said Egypt regarded Washington as a full partner in the peace process.

The low-level U.S. delegation is headed by two ambassadors. Western diplomats say Egypt appears concerned this has created only lukewarm interest by the Reagan administration. In an effort to allay such fears, Alfred Atherton, U.S. ambassador to Egypt, reaffirmed in his opening statement that the new administration would play the role of a full partner.

"We came here with plenty of goodwill and hope," Burg said, acknowledging that the two countries' positions were "not always identical." Egyptian spokesman Raouf Ghoneim told reporters that in their first round of talks, the delegation leaders spelt out their known stands on Palestinian autonomy. Egypt broke off the negotiations last year in protest over the building of new Israeli settlements and other irritations.

Diplomats believe Sadat decided to go back to the negotiating table to deny Begin any pretext for delaying next April's scheduled handover of the last portion of Sinai still in Israeli hands.

Sbaron, who flew to Cairo from Tel Aviv earlier in the day, said he would return home later Wednesday because of the "pressure of work." He also said that Israel was pulling out all stops to strengthen the Middle East peace process. "We hope we will soon reach an agreement on autonomy," he said about West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Twenty-two opponents executed

America denies visa to Iranian ministers

BEIRUT, Sept. 23 (Agencies) — Twenty-two more opponents of Ayatollah Khomeini's regime were executed Wednesday as the Iranian Foreign Ministry announced that its deputy ministers had been refused entry to the United States, Iran's state radio said.

The radio said that 22 supporters and active members of the Mujahedeen Khalq and their leftist groups were charged with staging armed demonstrations, acts of terrorism, sabotage, and attacking innocent people with arms and were placed in front of firing squads. It gave no further details.

The radio, monitored in Beirut, also said that a delegation of Iranian deputy foreign ministers, wishing to attend the United Nations General Assembly, had been refused permission to enter the United States. The statement said Iran's deputy foreign ministers had been declared persona non grata by the U.S. government because of their alleged connections with the hostage issue. The statement did not say how many deputies wished to attend the General Assembly.

The statement said the delegation was reported to have been led by Iranian Foreign Minister Mir Hussein Mousavi. It did not say whether or not the minister was refused entry. There was also no indication when the delegation had intended to travel to the United States.

Iran's Foreign Ministry statement said the government was very disappointed to see an independent United Nations, thus controlled by superpower. The harshly-worded statement criticized the United States for refusing to turn some \$2 million in U.S.-held Iranian assets and funds over to the Iranian regime.

The Americans say they are withholding the funds until the Iranians give ownership of the American Embassy in Tehran to the Swiss, who represent U.S. interests there. An American lawyer representing the Ayatollah's government said the return of the Iranian assets in the United States was part of the agreement that freed the 52 American hostages last January.

A State Department spokesman said the withholding of the Iranian assets had nothing to do with the deal that was struck with laborious mediation by Algeria.

The foreign ministry statement comes on the day that schools were opened throughout the country, with demonstrations and speeches. In Tehran, state radio said a million students marched in support of Khomeini's republic, shouting slogans against the United States and the regimes' opponents.

At the Tehran University campus, the minister of education urged the students and teachers to form "security fronts" so that dissident groups would not be able to infiltrate what he called the "unified ranks of the students," the state radio said.

Minister Ali Akbar Parvareh, speaking to the demonstrators before a mass prayer, lashed out at former Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, accusing him of using the Mujahedeen to make the ousted president appear heroic, the broadcast said. It said Parvareh said the Mujahedeen were calling Bani-Sadr the "brain of the century," and a man who could save Iran with his economic policies, but in the end the nation saw how wrong they were.

At the end of Wednesday's demonstra-

tions, the Islamic Association of Students issued a statement vowing to fight "counter-revolutionaries," inside schools, just as our brothers are fighting against the enemies on the battle front," the radio said.

Meanwhile, in Paris, Shapur Bakhtiar, last prime minister of Iran under the Shah, Wednesday called on the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund to intervene in Iran. He sent a telegram to their chief administrators asking them to act "to end the systematic killing of which the Iranians are victims."

The text, published by his Paris office, said: "The Iranian people are waiting for international authorities which work for respect of human rights to break the incomprehensible silence they are observing in the face of these unmentionable crimes." The population was also waiting for them to "justify their reason for existence by intervening with all their strength and all their authority," it said.

Bakhtiar said the republican regime had been killing people for two years, with an officially-agreed record of 90 executions a day.

In Stockholm, Sweden's non-socialist Prime Minister Thorbjorn Falldin strongly denounced the Iranian government's recent crackdowns and executions of opponents, a foreign ministry statement said. "We strongly and sharply react especially against the fact that demonstrators — even children and teenagers — are executed on the spot, without trial," Falldin said.

Iraq attacks invitation to Iranians for Benghazi talks

BEIRUT, Sept. 23 (R) — Iraq attacked Arab hardliners Wednesday for inviting Iran to participate in their recent summit in Benghazi, Libya.

In an article quoted by the Iraqi news agency, *Al-Thawra*, newspaper of the Iraq's ruling Baath Party, said: "What has the Iranian regime to do with the national struggle of the Arab nation and the struggle for the liberation of Palestine?"

"Iran is a non-Arab state which over a year has been waging an aggressive war on Arab Iraq which has been fighting in defense of Arab territory and the Arab Shatt (the Shatt Al-Arab Waterway) on behalf of the Arab nation."

Al-Thawra said the front had turned into an alliance serving its members' own interest and having no relation to the higher national interest.

Hussein assails strategic pact

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan has said the United States cannot hope to build an anti-Soviet strategic alliance in the Middle East with Arab states until the Palestinian problem is solved.

The king, in an interview in Amman with *The Washington Post*, discussed Secretary of State Alexander Haig's idea of bringing friendly Arab states into the "strategic alliance" announced after Prime Minister Menahem Begin's recent Washington visit.

"That sort of thinking is exactly why I think sometimes Washington has a rather simplistic attitude toward 'this area,'" he was quoted as saying.

"Unless, and until, the Palestine problem is resolved with justice and there is a just and lasting peace achieved, there will be too many ominous elements against such a plan."

King Hussein plans to visit Washington in November for his first meeting with President Reagan, the seventh U.S. president he has dealt with.

Meanwhile, Crown Prince Hassan left Amman for New York Wednesday to begin a one-week visit during which he will address the United Nations General Assembly. Hassan's younger brother, King Hussein, will also meet with a number of top American government officials and with Congressmen, according to an announcement.

Visiting Kuwait also

Mrs. Thatcher arrives in Bahrain tomorrow

BAHRAIN, Sept. 23 (R) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher starts a visit to Bahrain and Kuwait Friday to reassert Britain's relations in the Gulf.

British and other sources agreed that renewed efforts to end the Arab-Israeli conflict, cooperation between the Gulf states and the European Economic Community (EEC) and oil would be among the main issues in her talks with Gulf leaders. Mrs. Thatcher visited Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states in April.

The prime minister said then she thought Britain had neglected the area since it closed its military bases there in 1971 and she wanted to correct this. Gulf defense is still a pressing issue, along with new moves toward an overall Middle East settlement, which governments here believe would help the stability of the Gulf.

Saudi Arabia has suggested an eight-point peace formula, endorsed earlier this month by its partners in the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council including Bahrain and Kuwait. Saudi Arabian leaders have already discussed the plan, which calls for an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, in London and Paris and French President Francois Mitterrand arrives in Saudi Arabia Saturday for more talks.

Kuwaiti government sources said Kuwait would urge Mrs. Thatcher to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). It called last year for the PLO to be associated with the peace talks. But European diplomats said it was difficult to make a further move without the PLO and Israel at least conditionally recognizing each other.

Dacca tells Aeroflot to cut flights

DACCA, Sept. 23 (AFP) — Bangladesh peace ordered the Soviet airline Aeroflot to reduce the number of its weekly flights here from two to one, a highly-placed government source said here Wednesday.

He was confirming a report in the *Ittefaq* newspaper which said that the directive, already conveyed to the airline and the Soviet embassy in Dacca, will come into effect from November. The paper said that the government had taken the decision in view of violation of bilateral agreements and international civil aviation rules by Aeroflot.

According to a bilateral agreement signed in 1972 with Bangladesh Airlines Biman, Aeroflot operated once in a week with Ilyushin-18 aircraft on the Moscow-Dacca-Moscow route. But, according to the paper, Aeroflot, without fresh agreement or prior permission, started operating Tupolev-154 type aircraft twice a week in April 1975.

Ittefaq, the country's biggest-circulation Bengali newspaper and unusually known for its pro-West stance, did not quote any source



Mrs. Thatcher

ationally recognizing each other. British and Gulf sources said prospects for a revived Gulf-EEC dialogue could figure prominently in Mrs. Thatcher's talks. Kuwaiti sources said the Gulf states would welcome a wide-ranging agenda for the dialogue covering both political and economic ties but would not discuss oil production or prices, which had been among the EEC's main interests in the dialogue.

but said that since 1974, Aeroflot also violated the 1972 agreement and started carrying passengers between Dacca and destinations in the Middle East, North Africa and Europe instead of between Dacca and Moscow only.

According to one estimate, in 1979, Aeroflot carried 867 passengers on the Moscow-Dacca-Moscow route. But on scrutiny, it was found that the destinations of 650 passengers were neither Dacca nor Moscow.

Ittefaq said that the matter was brought to the notice of the government and the civil aviation authorities in June.

Genscher to visit Israel

BONN, Sept. 23 (R) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has accepted an invitation to visit Israel and will probably fix a date early next year, a foreign ministry spokesman said Wednesday.

Agreement on the visit was seen as a fresh move to overcome strains between the two countries which arose earlier this year over the issue of Palestinian rights and personal attacks on Chancellor Helmut Schmidt by Israeli Premier Menahem Begin.

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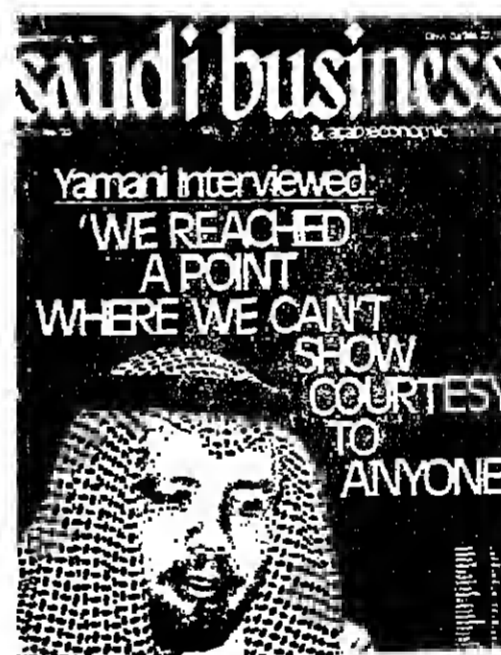
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Animals, zoos are hit first by the Polish food shortage

By Sonya Zalubowski

WARSAW, Poland (LAT) — The skeletal thin dog limped in the door of his cage in Warsaw's Found when he heard the steps of his keeper, who was showing some visitors round. With an effort, the black Labrador aised his large head to glance at them and he slowly turned to lie down again as the 50 other dogs in the compound bawled with excitement at the visitors. "He wasn't fed in a long time," the grizzled old groundskeeper explained. "We picked him up off the streets."

Several of the other dogs in the pound looked as pathetic as the Labrador—many were pedigree breeds, from poodles to Russian wolfhounds. The pound's dog population has nearly doubled in the past year of steadily increasing food shortages, and things are likely to get worse with the recent government action to cut the monthly meat ration by 20 to six pounds per person. There is no commercial dog food in Poland, most people feed their pets right from the family table, and with provisions getting scarcer there is little to spare for animals.

The shortage of food is also having its effect on Poland's 10 zoos. There are no sports of animals starving, but directors worry about where they will get next winter's provisions. One report said that some animals from the country's largest zoo, in Wroclaw, were sent temporarily to Czechoslovakia where it will be easier to feed them.

Poland's 5 million cats are faring better, being able to forage on their own, though more and more seem to have been abandoned to the streets.

Dr. Margaret Supronowicz, a staff veterinarian, said that the pound's dog population was averaging 100 a month more than the previous year, and up to 150 dogs are destroyed each month. Some are given to Warsaw University for experiments. Old ill dogs are put to death if not claimed or bought after two weeks. Young animals are kept for a half a year. The animals sell for about 4.

The pound is supported by contributions

and, despite the crowding, is well-kept. The staff must travel 50 miles to find meat that they can afford to feed the dogs, Supronowicz said. "We also give them grains and macaroni, but those are getting hard to find as well," she said. "Some days the dogs just have to eat less."

The luckiest dogs in Poland are the pedigree animals. Zofia Pomorska, director of Warsaw's Pedigree Society, said that most people consider a pure-blooded animal an investment and will hang onto it.

"They give them horsemeat, poorer quality meat or cheese," she said. "Some just pay more by going to the free market" where private farmers sell meat at up to eight times the state price.

There are 32,000 pedigree dogs registered in Poland, and Pomorska said people were still breeding them and selling them, though sales had fallen off.

The Pedigree Society in the Netherlands has sent the Warsaw chapter 16,000 pounds of dry dog food, and the Dutch Humane Society plans a like shipment, she said. But it will not be enough.

Many people used to feed their dogs eggs, but they too have become scarce and the price has doubled from about 12 cents an egg to 25 cents.

"Our dog will eat anything, it has to," one young Pole said. He feeds his poodle cereal grains mixed with meat drippings, but the dog also eats raw carrots and apples, milk, cake—whatever it can get.

A middle-aged housewife goes to the huge Super Sam grocery store in central Warsaw each day to buy a \$1.35 hot meal, which she takes home to feed her dachshund.

One of the saving graces for Poland's pet and zoo population is the fact that Poles will not eat horsemeat. Many will not even feed it to their dogs, but it is the mainstay for zoo animals.

The director of Warsaw's Zoo, Zbigniew Wolinski, feeds his meat-eating animals 250 pounds of horsemeat a day.

"To this time, we have received all we need," he said. If people change their

diets and turn to horsemeat, that might mean a different story.

He is more concerned right now with the problem of getting seeds for rare birds. "We have had to substitute and change their diets some," he said. "It is a lot of work for us to try to get what they need."

He needs 1,000 tons of food for the next year's provisions for the zoo's 2,000 animals.

"The main danger is if there is a strike or break in communication for a long period," Wolinski said. "We can store food for up to two weeks, but some foods must be fresh, and any long interruption in normal trade would hurt us."

He is also concerned over the nation's supply of coal. News reports are already warning that there may not be enough to keep the country warm this winter. "Our huge giraffe pavilion is heated by the city," he said. "I don't know what we would do if the heat went off."

At one point, the government even issued sugar ration cards to provide for the zoo animals. They now allot 100 pounds a month, Wolinski said.

He had to change the diets of many animals during the summer, substituting strawberries and apples for imported bananas for the monkeys. He has also had to substitute the kinds of vitamins the animals get, switching to Polish brands from Swiss, which the country can no longer afford to buy.

"Perhaps they are not as good but they are adequate," he said.

More worrisome is the lack of bandages and other medicines, which the veterinarians have had to scramble to get. He said it was possible that some animals will have to be sent to other zoos, as Wroclaw reportedly has done. A more likely solution would be to trade off or kill excess animals whose meat would then be used to feed others. The zoo keeps rabbits and other rodents which could be used for this purpose.

"It is not necessary now to think of the very worst conditions," Wolinski said. "We are storing food and coal, and it looks like this year will have a good harvest. We are hopeful."



DANISH PERFORMERS: During Saturday's concert at the Continental School pianist Teddy Teirup, left, will accompany violinist Anker Buch, right in presenting a number of classical music favorites.

Jeddah concert is Sept. 26

Danish musicians, Buch, Teirup, present violin, piano favorites

By Rama Siddiqi

JEDDAH. — Handel, Beethoven, Chopin, Brahms, Massenet and Paganini will be performed here soon by violinist Anker Buch accompanied by pianist Teddy Teirup.

Anker Buch has been acclaimed by critics, both in Europe and the United States, as a brilliant and gifted violinist. This 36-year-old musician has been mastering the violin since the age of eight. Naturally gifted for the art of violin, he made his solo debut at the young age of twelve and later studied under Professor Henry Holt at the Royal Danish Academy of Music. His career took an upward swing when an American guest conductor to the Icelandic Symphony Orchestra,

where Buch was at the time employed, invited him to the United States to study at the prestigious Juillard School of Music under Ivan Galamian. From there on it was a success story.

The only Dane to have ever received post graduate diploma from the Juillard School of Music, Anker Buch has given, since his graduation in 1964, over 2,000 concerts in the United States and Europe. He has performed live in concerts as well as making appearances over radio and television and drawing excellent reviews. A winner of the Jacob Gade memorial prize, Buch is also in charge of the summer school on Mors Island in Limfjorden which caters to both amateur and professional violinists from many coun-

tries. Teddy Teirup is an accomplished and known pianist who studied under George Vasahelyi at the Royal Danish Conservatory and later in Vienna at the Academy of Music and Performing Arts under the guidance of Dr. Joseph Diebler. The Jutland Music Conservatory tours took him to Italy and Sweden.

Teirup has presented a number of solo and chamber concerts in his native Denmark and elsewhere in Europe receiving high regard for his skill at the piano. His Loodoo debut as a soloist in 1971 at the Wigmore Hall; Chopin concert in Tivoli concert hall (Copenhagen); and debut as conductor in Finland are some of the highlights of his career.

Bill Granger's 'Schism'

Author finds spies, intelligence operators in very unlikely places

By Leslie Hanscom

NEW YORK, (WP) — In a paperback thriller called "The November Man," Bill Granger bung his plot on a situation that was eerily close to what happened three weeks after the book was published, when Lord Mountbatten was murdered by Irish terrorists who planted explosives aboard his yacht. It was a case of truth imitating the strangeness of fiction, which might have made a thriller-writer wonder if he couldn't find a more useful line of work than putting ideas into the heads of dangerous criminals.

Agatha Christie used to worry that she was inventing crimes for the less imaginative to execute in reality, and Granger admits that the thought crossed his mind also. Further thinking convinced him, however, that he shouldn't exaggerate his own importance by supposing that he had influenced what was actually no more than coincidence.

"It isn't very likely," he says, "that somebody in New York read the book, said to himself, 'here's a great idea,' and put in a call to Ireland. You can't censor sick minds, and the chances are, you can't suggest anything they haven't already thought of."

In Granger's view, fiction at its wildest is never entirely separable from what actually goes on. By way of evidence, he cites a bizarre undertaking that he learned of through an acquaintance in the CIA. According to Granger, the agency once had a scheme for

checking up on the atomic activities of the Chinese by flying homing pigeons across China and then testing the birds for radiation. "How," he asks, "could you put that in a book and expect anybody to believe it? But if you did, you would be coming close to something that might really have happened."

The plot of Granger's new thriller, "Schism" (Crown, \$12.95), was in part suggested by events that at one time Americans would have been reluctant to believe. The book makes allusion to the career of Dr. Thomas Dooley, who when he died of cancer in 1959, was canonized in the public imagination as a heroic medical missionary in Laos. Many years later it was revealed that Dooley's activities were not wholly devoted to healing. He was an intelligence operative informing on the movements of the pathetic Lao. Granger doesn't hold that it is particularly sinister for a man to engage in espionage on behalf of his own country. His point is that real life is always in competition with what the thriller-writer is working his brain to invent.

At the beginning of "Schism," Granger gives a list of facts — such as a biographical note on Dooley and a reminder that even the Vatican has use for an intelligence-gathering capability — to help the reader sort out what the author made up and what he didn't. He gives no help toward pronouncing the title of the book. According to general acceptance, the right way to say it is "S'ism." The way it is

usually said, on the other hand, is "Skism." "I say 'S'ism,'" Granger equivocates, "when I am east of the Hudson River and 'Skism' when I'm home."

Home is Chicago, where Granger until recently was a newspaperman. He was a reporter for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, from which he took a leave of absence 10 years ago to tour Europe with his wife. The Grangers ran out of money in England at a time when the British government began an internment policy against "Irish" in northern Ireland that impeded the start of a new career. Granger telephoned his paper and asked to be put back on salary for a week to cover the protests across the Irish sea. The *Sun-Times* balked at spending the money.

Trying another sponsor, Granger offered his services to *Newsday*, for which he had earlier acted as Chicago correspondent. *Newsday* promptly dispatched him to Ulster. "I spent two weeks there," Granger recalls, "doing two stories a day. When the stuff was syndicated, it was of course picked up by the *Sun-Times*."

The experience in Ireland, according to Granger, was "a tremendous education." One night in a Belfast hotel, while chewing the fat with other seamen, Granger offered the guess that the Irish Republican Army might try for a master stroke of drama by attempting to assassinate a member of the British royal family. He was vigorously argued down. "They told me," he says, "that was held in too much respect even by the rebels."

Granger wasn't so sure of his prophetic powers himself, but the idea stuck in his mind. Half a dozen years later, when a retrochromat at the *Sun-Times* cost him his job, and the need arose to find a new way of making a living, the idea became the plot of "The November Man." The book, praised in reviews as "an usually deft first novel," became the start of a new career.

Last year Granger, a bulky, despectacled man with a tuft of red hair on top and another on his upper lip, published three books. They were two novels, "Public Murders" and "Sweeps," and "Fighting Jane," a biography of Chicago's Mayor Jane Byrne, written with his wife, Lori Granger. He explains his impressive industry this way: "I have a wife, a child, a house and a mortgage. For making you produce, there is no motivation like fear. I'm living on advances, but I'm making a living." Until "Schism," all of his novels have been paperbacks. He has no inferiority complex about this. "If paperback originals were good enough for John D. MacDonald at the beginning," he says, "they are good enough for me. I don't mind writing small books so long as they don't pay in small dollars." Even in the paperback world, he was introduced to professional associations that were a step from what he had known before. "All the editors I've had were splendid to work with — especially as compared to newspaper editors."

At the same time, he misses the agreeable camaraderie of newspapering. "There's nothing I like better," Granger says, "than being away from home on a story and huddling at night with the same guys I'm in competition with during the day. There are no other people like newsmen for good company. I think there's nobody I'd rather hang around with."



FAMILY PETS: Most people are content living with a cat or a dog, but Shirley Clews of Southam, Britain lives with two lions. The lions were raised by the Southam Zoo from cubs and therefore feel right at home in this living room scene taken with the zoo in the background.

Star hates publicity; magazine cover helps launch Meryl Streep's new film

By Peter J. Boyer

NEW YORK, (WP) — When the workday ended Friday, Aug. 27, without the occurrence of a major news event, the marketing corps at United Artists, (UA) breathed a collective sigh of relief. They had their cover of *Time* magazine. "You never know about these things," said Eddie Kalish, UA marketing vice president. "There could have been a bomb go off in some embassy somewhere and knocked us off the cover."

They knew that Meryl Streep was in. The *Time* cover portrait featuring Streep hit newsstands around the world on Aug. 30.

"I am freaked out by what being a celebrity is about. It's like a mantle that just sort of came down and was visited upon me...it has no relation to me, no relation that what I do or who I am," Streep said later as she sat in a little cafe in Manhattan's Soho section.

"I feel like I have a responsibility to a reader that's really taken off without my knowing it, do you know what I mean?"

So, in the three weeks between the *Time* cover and the release of her latest movie, Streep agreed to meet with nearly three dozen reporters.

Streep, 32, is the most marketable element ("French Lieutenant's Woman," the film version of John Fowles' novel on which UA has pinned very high hopes to counter the "verberations" still emanating from its Heaveo's Gate disaster. That experience could be washed clean if "French Lieutenant's Woman" even comes close to fulfilling expectations.

But first things first, the film presents certain marketing difficulties. In his novel, Fowles meshed his Victorian tale with frequent observations from the story's 20th-century narrator. The narrator's interruptions are, according to many who abandoned

attempt to adapt the novel to film, quite necessary.

Screenwriter Harold Pinter and director Karel Reisz decided to make a multilayered movie, without a narrator but using a film-within-a-film technique. Such a movie is not handily peddled.

So, UA decided on a "platform" strategy for the movie. The film opened recently in New York, Los Angeles and Toronto. On Oct. 2, it goes into release in a dozen more cities, before going into national distribution on Oct. 26.

Publicity is central to the platform strategy, and *Time's* cover story on Streep was a windfall. And last April, *Time's* sister publication, *Life*, had its own Meryl Streep cover. The *Life* spread was noteworthy because it was compiled and published without the benefit of an interview with Streep.

America's best actress, as *Life* dubbed her, is not America's most willing publicity hook. She doesn't have a press agent and the studio publicity department has found her to be most reticent, if gracious, regarding publicity chores.

"It bothers me, being a media event," she said. "When I go to the local drugstore...I don't want to have a conversation, sometimes. I don't want to be self-conscious."

But Streep tries, in her fashion, to meet demands of her profession, including an occasional dialogue with the press.

The platform release strategy planned for "French Lieutenant's Woman," involved "media centers." It was evident to UA that the reluctant actress wouldn't likely volunteer herself for a press tour. So, UA brought the press tour to her.

Thirty-three reporters from cities in the secondary phase of the movie's release (including Minneapolis, Boston, Dallas, St. Louis and Chicago) were bound for New York for a mini-junket, starring Streep,

director Reisz and co-star Jeremy Irons.

Streep was not eager for her encounter with junkets and press tours.

"I bear it's pretty horrible," she said. "What you do if you're a responsible sort of person and if you take everybody in good faith...and you get questions that are pretty similar to the one before, you want to answer it in a different way, even though you only have one truth of the matter to say."

"And sometimes it comes out the same way and you think 'my God, I'm repeating myself three times in a row.'"

The journalists were most inclined to cooperate. Some, in fact, were ready to be swept away. One, a radio reporter, very nearly was.

"Meryl, a general question about this fabulous talent that is Meryl Streep...The range of roles that you've done so far in this very young career is nothing less than extraordinary. Can you really expand on where this emotional depth and extreme versatility comes from?"

For a moment, Streep was dumbstruck. "Well, um, I don't know," she said after she gathered herself. "I have a very short attention span. I get bored very easily, so this is the perfect profession for me."

At one point, before the long day concluded, Streep once again considered her swelling celebrity. There was a note of despair in her voice.

"It's a very difficult, because what happens is, you get a big buildup and it's almost like nothing can live up to that. I mean, this is just a movie that's all it is. It's a movie, two hours you go see this. Sometimes, when you get too much publicity, the cover of national news magazines, it becomes..."

But, a reporter interrupted her to say: "I personally believe you rate it. I've seen everything you've done since you were the sweetheart of America. It's only justice."



PORTRAIT UNVEILED: A portrait of Lord Mountbatten was recently unveiled by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at the Baharatya Vidya Bhavan Center in London's West Kensington. During her visit to the Indian cultural center Mrs. Thatcher predicted that she would be back during her second term of office.

Riots in other cities

W. Berlin squatters battle police; 1 dies

WEST BERLIN, Sept. 23 (Agencies) — West Berlin erupted in an orgy of looting and violence early Wednesday as demonstrators battled police after an 18-year-old youth died during clashes between police and squatters.

One hundred police officers were hurt in the violent clashes. In West Berlin 5,000 protesters, who had earlier laid flowers at the spot where Klaus-Juergo Rattay died Tuesday afternoon, huilt blazing barricades of wooden planks, car tires and overturned trailers.

According to latest police reports, 137 persons were arrested. Eyewitnesses saw some injuries caused by cobblestones dug from the city streets and used as missiles, but there was no exact casualty list.

The riots began after a protest march by several thousand young Berliners, many carrying candles and black banners.

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ing youths from outside the building toward a busy intersection where sporadic rioting and stooce throwing broke out.

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Duarte wants to negotiate peace, poll

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (Agencies) — El Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte has said that he wants to negotiate elections to end violence in his country but not "with people who have the arms in their hands."

House members said he made no specific request at the meeting for U.S. military or economic aid, but appealed as he has throughout his Washington visit for U.S. moral support for his election plan.

As for his election plan, he said "I have already declared that if the Democratic Revolutionary Front (leftists) make a declaration that they do not want a violent solution, that they will accept democratic means and that they will accept an electoral system where the people will define themselves, then we will sit down and discuss all the electoral problems."

Committee members said they were impressed with Duarte's impassioned appeal but Rep. Millicent Feowick, Republican-New Jersey, urged Duarte to broaden his offer to draw the left into negotiations over elections.

Rep. Michael Barnes, Democrat-Maryland, said he concluded from Duarte's appeal for moral support but no specific request for U.S. aid that the Reagan administration is about to propose an increase in military aid for El Salvador.

Meanwhile, the State Department said that the United States is prepared to join Mexico and other countries in "providing good offices to assist Salvadorans in a search for a political solution."

Spokesman Alao Romberg said that at the request of the Salvadoran governing junta, the United States was considering in conjunction with other countries and international institutions, "to facilitate contact and discussions on electoral issues among eligible political parties."

Fierce attack on America

Afghans storm U.N. as Gromyko speaks

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (Agencies) — Hundreds of Afghans and other protesters stormed the United Nations Tuesday during a speech by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to protest Russian intervention in their homeland.

A spokesman for the chief of U.N. security said the protesters, who began their demonstration across the street, rushed across and tried to pull down the Soviet flag in front of the U.N. complex.

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U.N. security spokesman said "about 500."

An Afghan group leader, who identified himself as Habib Mayar, of New York, said the demonstrators wanted to disrupt Gromyko's speech to protest the use of chemical weapons against the Afghan people.

Gromyko launched a fierce attack on the United States accusing it of whipping up the arms race and interfering in Poland.

Commenting on Gromyko's speech to the General Assembly, a State Department spokesman said it was marked by "stale rhetoric" and an absence of constructive proposals.

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"When I got changes that the agency wanted, I communicated with them and said change them...But in the interim, in a hurry, they had sent the thing over to France and the French then published it because the publisher forgot to send the word about the changes."

A spokesman for Simon and Schuster in New York declined to comment on Colby's statement.

Colby blames book publisher

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, Sept. 23 (AP) — Former CIA Director William E. Colby has blamed his publisher for allowing information censored by the Central Intelligence Agency to be printed in a French edition of his memoirs.

Colby said Simon and Schuster of New York failed to pass along CIA-ordered changes in his manuscript to the French publisher in time to keep details about the agency spy ship *Glomar Explorer* out of the French version of *Honorable Men*.

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Chaves becomes Brazil president

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 23 (R) — Brazilian Vice President Aureliano Chaves Wednesday became the country's first civilian president for 17 years, as interim head of state while President Joao Figueiredo recovers from a heart attack.

Chaves has said he intends to follow strictly the path laid down by President Figueiredo. He said the fact he was taking up the presidency was "a perfect demonstration of the unity of the armed forces and of the nation in the search for normal solution."

Geo. Figueiredo, the fifth military president since the 1964 coup, took office two and a half years ago with a pledge to restore full democratic freedoms to Brazil.

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Advertisement for Hotel Meridien Abu Dhabi, featuring a large illustration of the hotel and text describing the Eid holiday package and amenities.

Advertisement for Saudi Research and Marketing, The Arabic Communications Company, featuring a large illustration of a globe and text listing services and contact information.

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Angolans retake towns

ISBON, Sept. 23 (AP) — Angolan government troops have retaken three major towns in southern Cunene province, which is overrun by the South African invasion. The official report also charged Pretoria's forces continued to occupy "some areas" by province's common border with South Africa, contradicting South African claims of a total withdrawal from Angolan territory by Sept. 4.

A dispatch from Angola's national news agency, Angop, which reached here Wednesday, quoted the ministry statement as saying Angolan forces had reentered Cunene's towns, Onjiva, and the towns of Mongua and Ngongo. But the report made no mention of fighting for control of the towns.

South African troops, with heavy air support, moved into the province Aug. 23, retreating as far as 300 kilometers according to Luanda, killing some 1,000 Angolans and SWAPO guerrillas fighting South African control of Southwest Africa.

According to the Angop report, Luanda had 21 violations of its airspace by South African aircraft from Sept. 11-18. One ground incursion into Cunene during that period was also listed.

The Defense Ministry stated the South Africans carried out bombing and strafing attacks as well as reconnaissance flights, including one civilian, massacring the population, stealing cattle and other goods, and firing vehicles and area residents on the roads of southern Cunene. Houses of government and local officials, along with the names of medical personnel, were "destroyed" by the South African troops, the ministry note said. Major government buildings, as well as Onjiva's water reservoir, were also hit.

The South African invasion was undertaken to seek out and attack SWAPO guerrilla bases situated on Angolan territory. Pretoria's military has maintained contact with Angolan troops was avoided when possible, according to the South African command.

The Luanda Defense Ministry report, however, appeared to counter the South African claim.

Anand Marg implicated

Police unveil plot to kill Mrs. Gandhi

NEW DELHI, Sept. 23 (Agencies) — Two Young Indian men, arrested recently on a murder-conspiracy charge against Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, actually intended to kill her during the January, 1980, national election when she was still an opposition leader, police were quoted as saying Wednesday.



Indian Premier Indira Gandhi

However, they told an Indian reporter that the men failed because bad weather prevented Mrs. Gandhi from addressing scheduled Jan. 1 election meeting in Ranchi, in the northeastern state of Bihar.

At that time, Mrs. Gandhi was campaigning for the Congress Party which swept to a landslide victory in parliamentary elections later that month. She was out of power for 33 months after a popular wave of discontent against the 1975-77 state of emergency ousted her in the March 1977 general election.

The two suspects, K.B. Singh and G.D. Sharma, visited New Delhi last month for three days to study the route and timings of the prime minister's motorcade as it passed various points in the capital, police told the United News of India.

Authorities said that the accused men and a third, believed to be in Calcutta, were closely associated with the Anand Marg, a spiritual-political organization with followers in the United States and Western Europe. The Anand Marg, which means "path of bliss", has denied the allegation.

The suspect identified by police Wednesday as Sharma, had earlier been identified as G.D. Singh. The arrests were made earlier this month. Police have not yet described a motive for the alleged plot. It was the fifth reported plot against Mrs. Gandhi's life in the past five years.

Mrs. Gandhi departed early Wednesday on a 16-day, five-nation tour of the south-

west Pacific and Australia amid heavy security at Delhi's military airport.

The pro-government *National Herald* newspaper said in an editorial that "forces of cold war" could be behind the alleged conspiracy. Without naming either the United States or the Soviet Union, the *Herald* said "a few poor but brave countries are holding out and India under Mrs. Gandhi is making bold to defy this madness (arms buildup and cold war)."

"What could be easier than bumping off (killing) the leader of this dissent?" it added.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Gandhi said in a newspaper interview published in Tokyo Wednesday that India would not let the Soviet Union influence its independent policy. She also criticized the United States for providing military aid to Pakistan and stressed the need to promote the nonalignment movement and cooperation between the North and the South.

The prime minister made the remarks in an interview given to the major Japanese daily *Asahi Shimbun* in New Delhi, during which she discussed a variety of subjects including world peace and nuclear arms.

Asked about India's seemingly pro-Moscow stance, Mrs. Gandhi said that it was "an image created by the Western leaders and news media opposing India's independent line," adding that India had been trying to diversify its arms suppliers to reduce dependence on the Soviet Union.

On relations with the United States, she accused Washington of aggravating confrontation between India and Pakistan with military aid to Pakistan such as the sale of F-16 fighters.

Mrs. Gandhi, however, suggested there still were chances of establishing friendly relations between India and the United States depending on Washington's future policy toward Delhi, according to *Asahi*.

She also criticized the present Chinese leadership, saying that modernization without regard for China's historical and cultural background would only weaken the country's fundamental structure as a nation.

Commenting on India's nuclear policy, Mrs. Gandhi stressed the need to work out a comprehensive nuclear arms reduction agreement, but suggested India might conduct nuclear tests in the future for peaceful, scientific purposes. She said India's present nuclear policy would remain unchanged even if Pakistan were armed with nuclear weapons.

Space shuttle trip postponed

CAPE CENAVERAL, Florida, Sept. 23 (R) — The second launch of the troubled U.S. space shuttle *Columbia* has been postponed for at least two weeks because of a launch pad fueling accident which damaged the craft's delicate exterior.

"We have a pretty serious problem," George Page, director of shuttle operations, told a press conference at the Kennedy Space Center Tuesday. He said the shuttle could

definitely not be launched on the scheduled date of Oct. 9.

Page said that between one and three gallons of highly toxic rocket fuel was spilled while it was being pumped into a storage tank in the nose of *Columbia* early Tuesday. The fuel, nitrogen tetroxide, chemically attacked the bonding agent which glues the spaceship's all-important thermal protection tiles to its aluminum surface.

Page said that so far 67 tiles had been unfastened from the craft and there was a possibility of 200 to 250 tiles being affected. He said that all the affected tiles would have to be completely removed from the ship, decontaminated, waterproofed and repositioned before normal launch operations could resume.

Page said officials had only a sketchy estimate of the extent of the damage because the fuel was giving off poisonous gases and only a few specially-clothed workers could go onto the launch pad. He said the workers, wearing thick protective garments similar to space suits, were cleaning up the spilled fuel to eliminate the fumes.

Experts would then carry out a thorough inspection to determine the precise extent of the damage.

Czech singer said beaten by police

PRAGUE, Sept. 23 (AFP) — Singer and Charter 77 member Karel Soukup was severely beaten by Czech police during interrogation, a human rights group said here.

In a communique reaching Western newsmen Wednesday, the Committee in Defense of Persons Unjustly Prosecuted said the 29-year-old singer was picked up by police from his home in the village of Bohuslavice in eastern Bohemia on Sept. 16. The interrogation lasted until Sept. 18.

The communique said Soukup was kicked and beaten with fists for four hours at police offices at nearby Jaromer. He was later beaten for a second time and police wanted the singer to confess to charges of illegally distributing foreign records and stealing building materials, the communique said. Before being released, Soukup was formally accused of customs infractions, the committee said.

In May, the singer was released from detention after serving 10 months for allegedly singing "anti-Socialist" songs at a wedding party.

Decolonization urged

New Caledonia said tense

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 23 (Agencies) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson believes that the situation in New Caledonia following the assassination Saturday of independence leader Pierre Declercq is an internal matter concerning France, sources close to the minister said Wednesday. This was revealed after the talks Cheysson had here Tuesday with Noel Levi, the foreign minister of Papua-New Guinea.

The tense atmosphere in France's colony in the Pacific Ocean is "preoccupying," and could lead to a more serious crisis if not treated with the proper attention, French diplomatic sources said.

Cheysson told Levi, who maintained that France should decolonize New Caledonia and stop testing nuclear weapons in the area, that the Caledonians along should decide on their future.

Later, Levi repeated his stand at the United Nations General Assembly, saying his country was "particularly worried by the possible ramifications should France decide not to create a climate that will ensure that the people of New Caledonia are given the right to choose their own destiny."

"We sense that a continuation of the status quo will exacerbate the growing frustration and tension of the ethnic Melanesian population, which could lead to instability not only in New Caledonia itself, but throughout the South Pacific region," Levi told the assembly.

The foreign minister also criticized French nuclear testing at Mururoa Atoll and American and Japanese plans to dump nuclear waste "in the area, which are morally wrong and a breach of accepted international conduct," he said.

In their earlier talk, Cheysson had defended France's right to continue nuclear testing in the Pacific, but told Levi that

France was prepared to furnish detailed scientific information to regional countries concerning the effects of the nuclear tests on the environment.

Meanwhile, in Noumea, a 20-year-old man was charged Wednesday with the murder of Declercq. The examining magistrate in charge of the case said Dominique Canon, a motorcycle mechanic, had been charged with the murder of Declercq, 43, secretary-general of the territory's biggest independence movement, the Union Caledonienne.

It was not possible at present to say whether the motive for the killing was political, justice officials added. Police said Canon was known to have made previous threats against pro-independence leaders. He was arrested Monday.

Paris restaurant saved from blast

PARIS, Sept. 23 (AFP) — A group of 20 leftist militants were prevented Tuesday night from throwing smoke bombs into the capital's oldest and most luxurious restaurant Tour d'Argent.

The group entered the foyer at 10 p.m. seemed unaware that the famous restaurant, where the knife-and-fork was reportedly used for the first time in the 14th century, is on the sixth floor.

One of the porters blocked the lift and none of the militants could reach their target. Instead they ransacked the foyer and threw their smoke bombs on its floor, and diners above were only slightly inconvenienced by fumes. The Tour d'Argent is on the left bank of the River Seine, almost facing Notre Dame cathedral.

BRIEFS

MADRID, (R) — Two Cuban journalists have asked for political asylum in Spain during a stopover in Madrid on their way from Havana to Algiers, a spokesman for the Spanish Interior Ministry said Wednesday. He said Wilfredo Fernandez and his wife Lourdes Reato asked for asylum last Friday and their requests were being considered.

BELGRADE, (AP) — Five persons died and 80 were hospitalized after eating poisonous mushrooms in the central Yugoslav town of Tuzla, the Belgrade newspaper *Politika* reported Tuesday. The paper said the illnesses followed a record crop of mushroom in woods nearby.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Three Indian women have made mountaineering history by becoming the first persons to reach the peak of the 7,816-meter Nanda Devi in Northern India, press reports here said Wednesday. They made the ascent on Sept. 19. The trio also joined the world's most select band of "top women" who have climbed peaks higher than 7,000 meters. Two American women, one Chinese, one Japanese and one Czechoslovak had already performed the feat.

BANGKOK, (AFP) — The Vietnamese-backed government in Cambodia Wednesday accused Thailand of providing fresh artillery support and aerial reconnaissance for guerrillas loyal to former Khmer Rouge Premier Pol Pot. The Cambodian news agency SPK said Cambodian forces had repeatedly pushed the intruder back into Thailand, killing 14 of them in an incident on Sept. 12, the latest in a long series of such allegations against Thailand.

PHOENIX, Arizona (AP) — Former U.S. Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst was acquitted Tuesday night on all counts in his perjury trial. Kleindienst, 58, broke into sobbing after hearing the verdict.

NEW YORK, (R) — New York City Mayor Edward Koch Tuesday won both the Republican and Democratic nominations for next month's election, virtually assuring himself of a second four-year term.

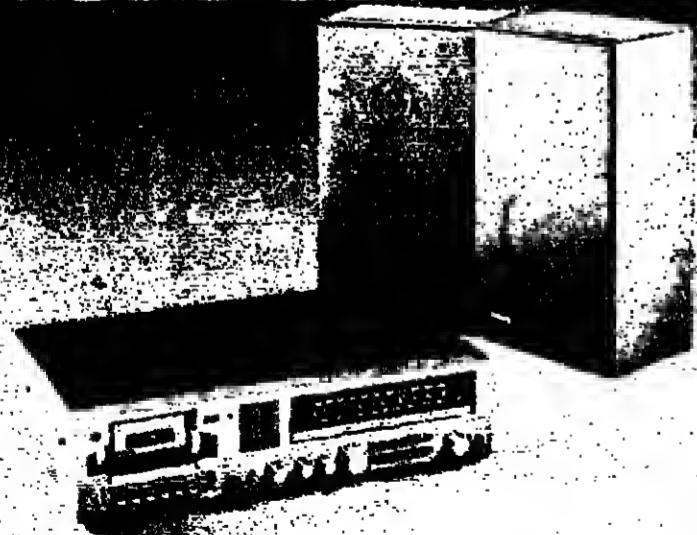
NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Negotiations on the possible sale of 150 French Mirage-2,000 fighter planes to India will resume early next month in Paris, the daily *Financial Express* reported Wednesday.

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Ignoring U.S. stand

Bonn set to clinch gas deal with Russia

BONN, Sept. 23 (R) — The West Germans, acting in spite of U.S. reservations, start talks in Moscow Thursday on how they can help exploit the Soviet Union's huge energy resources for the mutual gain of themselves and the Russians.

The West German delegation will be led by Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff who recently reaffirmed support for the controversial new project to pipe gas from Siberia to Western Europe, a scheme criticized in Washington as likely to make the West Germans too dependent on Soviet energy.

Count Lambsdorff told the financial magazine *Wirt* *Chaftwoche* recently that his Moscow talks, to continue to Friday in Novosibirsk, would cover yet other prospects for energy cooperation, including joint development of Siberian coal. Western diplomats here said Washington formally opposes West Europe's growing reliance on Soviet energy, but has been forced to recognize that its view is not shared by its European allies.

At the July Western economic summit in Ottawa, the U.S. promised alternative energy supplies to prevent West Germany having to rely on the Russians. But West German officials say no announcement has been made about any program for a U.S. delegation which was expected to come here to discuss details.

These officials, diplomats and industrialists in West Germany remain convinced that nothing the United States could offer will now prevent Bonn from striking a deal with Moscow on the Siberian gas project, probably in time for a visit by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in November.

The Soviet Union accounts for 42 percent of West Germany trade with the Socialist bloc. In the first seven months of this year, West German exports to the Soviet Union,

mainly of industrial goods and high technology, reached \$2 billion, up 4.5 percent on the same period in 1980. Imports from the Soviet Union were up eight percent, also to around \$2 billion, mainly of energy, including gas, and raw materials.

The West Germans contend Moscow is a more reliable source of energy than most members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). They agree that the Siberian gas deal would mean 30 percent of their gas came from the Soviet Union by the late 1980s, but argue this would be only five to six percent of their total primary energy consumption.

Bonn's defense of its position on buying Soviet energy does not mean that it is prepared to expand its trade with the Soviet bloc whatever the political climate.

In his statements to *Wirt* *Chaftwoche*, Count Lambsdorff said that if Moscow intervened in Poland, East-West economic cooperation would suffer very considerably, although he ruled out a full Western boycott of the Soviet Union. Diplomats saw two schools of thought possibly reflected in Bonn-Washington differences over Soviet energy. One was that to involve Moscow in East-West trade, especially helping it to develop domestic energy resources, would make its international conduct more predictable.

The other school, possibly in ascendance in Washington, saw reduced Soviet access to Western technology and capital resulting in slower development of natural resources which would make it impossible for Soviet leaders to postpone domestic economic reforms. Signals emanating from the Reagan administration on trade with the Soviet bloc remained mixed and confusing to Western European governments, at a time when U.S. trade with the Soviet bloc was starting to flourish, diplomats added.

Kuwait backs Tunisia bid to join OAPEC

KUWAIT, Sept. 23 (R) — The Tunisian Economy Minister Abdelaziz Lasram had talks with senior Kuwaiti officials after saying that Kuwait would sponsor Tunisia's membership of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

Lasram, who arrived Monday night on a three-day visit, met the Emir, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, and Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah. His discussions with Sheikh Ali concerned Tunisia's desire to join the Kuwait-based OAPEC and investments by Kuwait in Tunisia, officials said.

In addition to giving substantial aid, Kuwait has also participated in joint ventures in Tunisia. Lasram told reporters Tuesday night that Kuwait would support Tunisia's official request for OAPEC membership at OAPEC's next ministerial meeting in Abu Dhabi in December. But this could not be confirmed immediately. Tunisia's daily oil output is about 100,000 barrels.

OAPEC is made up of Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Algeria, Libya and Syria. Egypt's membership has been frozen.

Asian Bank lends Dacca \$44.5m

MANILA, Sept. 23 (AP) — The Asian Development Bank has approved two loans totaling \$44.5 million to finance agricultural and power expansion projects in Bangladesh, ADB announced.

Of the total, \$26.5 million is to be used to expand the country's power system. The loan has a repayment period of 40 years and carries an annual service charge of one percent. The second loan, for \$18 million, will be used to improve crop production in northern Bangladesh, ADB said. The loan is for 29 years and also carries a service charge of one percent per annum.

Japan seeks to better trade ties with EEC

TOKYO, Sept. 23 (AFP) — Improved relations between Japan and the European Economic Community (EEC) through increased industrial links will be proposed by a team from the Japanese Keidanren business organization during a tour seven EEC countries next month, the Keidanren and government officials said here.

But during its trip to Western Europe the team will not be prepared to hear complaints about increased exports to the community of cars, television sets, numerically-controlled machine-tools and other "sensitive" items, they declared.

The 20-strong delegation, led by Keidanren President Yoshihiro Inayama, will visit the Netherlands, Belgium, Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and Ireland. Inayama said: "The aim of our mission is not to negotiate or to solve existing problems. Our purpose is to further friendship between the EEC and Japan."

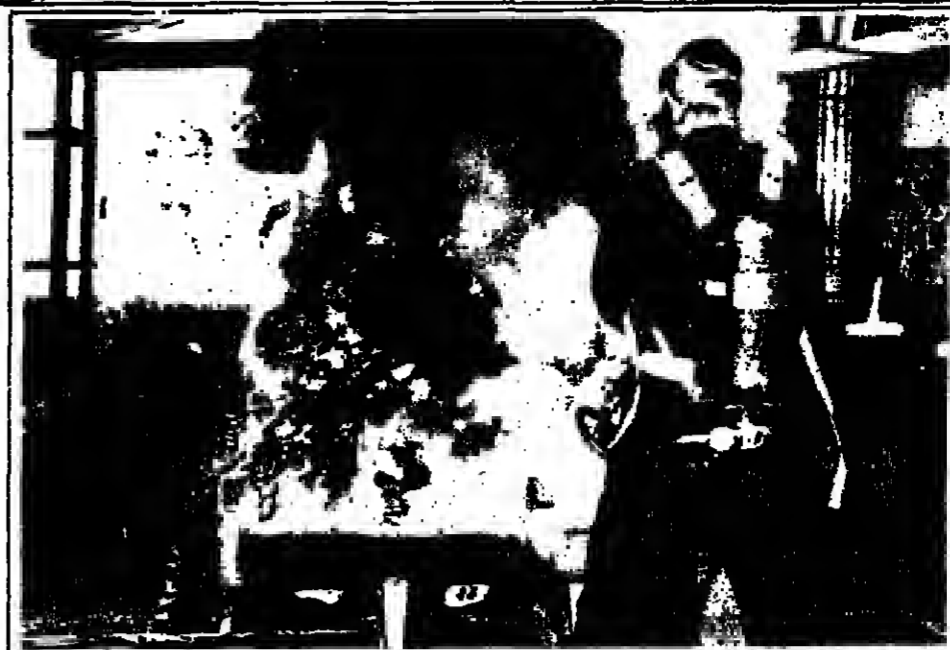
He said he wanted to discuss ways of solving EEC-Japanese trade problems with business leaders in the community. He would be putting forward "practical ideas" on boosting industrial cooperation, as proposed recently by Premier Zenko Suzuki during a West European tour. Mutual increases in direct investment, and joint efforts in research and in Third World countries were among means to this end.

In a critique of EEC policy, Deputy Foreign Minister Kiyooki Kikuchi said: "It is not enough for the Europeans to list the sectors where they want to cooperate: They need to work hard at pinpointing sectors profitable to both parties."

Japan had "no new approach" to the question of the EEC's trade deficit with Japan, which EEC officials in Tokyo believe could total some \$15 billion this year against 1980's deficit of \$11 billion.

An EEC source said that in the course of its tour the Keidanren could expect the EEC to try nailing down the Japanese on its industrial cooperation projects, and to seek a new pledge that Japan would curb its "sensitive" exports. The Europeans will also want to know what has resulted from the July 14 recommendation by International Trade Minister Rokusuke Tanaka to Japanese firms that they should buy more from EEC companies.

The EEC source said the Keidanren trip would doubtless be useful but it "could be dangerous if it was just a public relations ploy." Senior Japanese officials have, meanwhile, adopted a highly cautious stance on the idea of a U.S.-Japan-EEC trade parity, as suggested last month by William Brock, U.S. presidential adviser on economics.



ANTI-FIRE AGENT: Following extensive research into the most effective chemical agent for extinguishing aircraft seat-cushion fires started with petrol, the U.S. has come out in favor of a substance called Halon 1211. Now, the U.S. is recommending that all American aircraft be equipped with these extinguishers. Tests using Halon are seen here being carried out in the Technical Center laboratory at Atlantic City airport.

Oil market collapse by 1990 seen

LONDON, Sept. 23 (AFP) — Collapse in the international oil market by the end of the decade caused by oil surplus and petrol conservation and a faltering Western economy was forecast in the monthly review of Lloyds Bank Wednesday.

The forecast came from Prof. Heter Odell, an expert on oil and director of the center for international energy problems at Erasmus University, Rotterdam.

Odell assumed a continuation of stagnating demand for petroleum products caused by successful energy conservation, the use of alternative energy sources and the failure of Western countries to boost their economic growth.

Odell also foresaw much more oil becoming available on world export markets, particularly from such countries as Mexico, Guatemala, Argentina, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Egypt, Sudan, Malaysia and China. As a result, he said, members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) would no longer be able to fix minimum oil prices.

Seychelles hosts tourism parley

VICTORIA, Seychelles, Sept. 23 (AFP) — Celebrations marking ten years of tourism in the Seychelles were officially launched this morning with the inauguration of the second international tourism marketing conference by Minister for Transport and Tourism Mathew Servina.

While 70 delegates from Seychelles regional governments, international airlines, tour operators and hotel companies discuss a new strategy for the local tourism industry, the celebrations depict various aspects of the Seychelles life-style, the country's attractions and services it can offer to visitors.

Servina said Seychelles hoped, through tourism, to contribute its mite toward bringing mankind together. Special efforts must be made so that countries of the Indian Ocean region could develop services and attractions which are complementary to one another, he added.

Topics for discussion in the conference included the generally high prices in the Indian Ocean archipelago and a master plan for the tourist industry in the next decade.

Quota issue Progress eludes coffee talks

LONDON, Sept. 23 (AP) — Representatives of half a dozen major coffee growing countries were still bargaining early Wednesday over how much coffee they and 41 smaller coffee producing nations will be allowed to export next year.

Their annual quota-setting conference of the International Coffee Organization Council was supposed to wind up last Friday. Nobody could say when it will end. Conference over-runs have happened before, but some of those present are pointing out that London, once among the cheapest capitals, now is one of the most expensive cities of the world and the dragged-out talks are costing a lot of money in expenses.

The more than 300 delegates from 73 producing and consuming countries are staying in hotels spread across London, some charging up to £75 (\$135) a night. The delegates include government ministers who have been away from their desks for three weeks. The delegates are trying to decide which countries shall export how much of their coffee production in the 12 months from Oct. 1.

Give or take a few million bags, the target total is around 55 million bags. A bag holds 132.2 pounds or 60 kilos of green coffee beans.

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Of the nine African ministers here to support their delegations in a quest for acceptable export quotas, only one, the Ivory Coast

minister of agriculture, is taking part in the bargaining sessions at a working group, which often lasts all night and reports to the council.

The council, which was postponed from Friday to Tuesday, was postponed to Wednesday when the 16-nation producer-consumer group set up to work out an export quota and a price support mechanism failed to produce a solution on schedule.

Japan to hike oil stockpile by 30%

TOKYO, Sept. 22 (R) — The Japanese government decided Tuesday to boost its floating crude oil stockpile by about 30 percent by buying from privately held stocks in Japan, the International Trade and Industry Ministry said.

A ministry spokesman said the official stockpile, held in idle tankers, would be increased by 22.01 million barrels to 69.18 million barrels, enough to cover needs for nearly 18 days.

The decision was taken by the cabinet council on energy measures, which also agreed to speed up construction of nuclear power stations designed to lower Japan's dependence on expensive imported oil.

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French team okays takeover bill

PARIS, Sept. 23 (AFP) — The French cabinet Wednesday approved a bill nationalizing five industrial groups, 36 banks and two finance houses.

The industrial groups are Compagnie Generale d'Electricite, St. Gobain, Pechiney and Kuhlmann, Rhone-Poulenc and Thomson-Brandt.

The bill provides for the nationalization of banks with deposits exceeding 1,000 million francs (\$165 million), a government spokesman said. Foreign banks would not be affected by the nationalization measures, he said.

pain to seek French stand in EEC entry

ADIRD, Sept. 23 (R) — Spanish foreign minister said he would seek clarification from the French minister's reported suggestion that the French National Assembly might allow Spanish entry into the EEC.

It is necessary to again define France's position on Spanish EEC membership," he said in a comment on a French news agency report speech by Culture Minister Edith Cresson.

It is difficult to reconcile the text we have from Mrs. Cresson's statement with the official position publicly expressed by the French government in the EEC council of ministers Sept. 14," the Spanish foreign minister said.

However, Mrs. Cresson Tuesday denied reports she had been quoted as saying that she was telling a press conference in Senegal that majority Socialist group in the assembly had voted against Spanish accession, at a pre-scheduled for 1984.

The Socialists had voted against Greek entry in 1979, the agency quoted her as saying because they felt the conditions for Greece's joining did not safeguard the interests of French farmers, and they would adopt the same attitude in the case of Spain.

The spokesman said Mrs. Cresson's actual words had been: "The entry of Spain into the Common Market remains linked to the negotiation of guarantees for French farmers intended by their Spanish counterparts."

He said the minister had noted later in her speech that the Socialists, then in opposition, voted against Greece joining the EEC under a (French) Mediterranean agricultural production had not been sufficiently reduced.

Brussels, EEC officials described Mrs. Cresson's remarks, as originally reported, as "completely unhelpful and liable to poison the atmosphere of talks between Spain and the Common Market. But they noted that Mrs. Cresson was speaking as a member of the opposition party and not in her capacity as minister. The words attributed to her did not reflect the position of her government, particularly as France appeared to have softened its attitude when EEC enlargement was last discussed in July, they said.

U.S., Mexico trade talks fail

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 23 (AP) — The United States and Mexican officials failed Tuesday to reach agreement on new Mexican import restrictions and other trade problems at the first meeting of a new U.S.-Mexican commission on commerce and trade.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige Tuesday urged Mexico to ease its three-month-old import restrictions, which he called "a severe setback" to U.S.-Mexican trade.

"Economic policies will have to keep pace with the extraordinary commercial expansion under way" between the U.S. and Mexico, America's third largest trading partner, Baldrige told the American Chamber of Commerce in Mexico.

Responding to Baldrige's remarks, Mexican Commerce Secretary Jorge de La Vega Dominguez told the Associated Press American officials are aware Mexico "will continue importing as much as it deems necessary in 1980."

At the same time the cabinet accepted recommendations from the council of state improving compensation terms for shareholders of the banks and industrial groups.

The French state has controlled a large sector of the economy since World War II with the successful Renault car firm serving as a flagship to state ownership. Opinion polls since the election of Socialist President Francois Mitterrand in May and the Socialist victory in the national assembly the next month have shown the country primarily concerned over unemployment and inflation.

The government is using a combined formula for indemnifying shareholders of the firms being nationalized. Fifty percent of the indemnification will be based on the company's share value, 25 percent on its financial situation and 25 percent on the capitalization of net profits, Elisee Secretary General Pierre Bergevoy said.

Commonwealth raps Reagan policy

WARSAW, Sept. 23 (R) — President Ronald Reagan's hard-line approach to Third World aid and his tight credit policies came under attack at the annual meeting of Commonwealth finance ministers.

Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal of Guyana described the Reagan administration's complaints that the World Bank is subsidizing socialism as "a plaintive in nations of old unhappy, far-off things and battles long ago."

He said it underlined the worries of poorer Commonwealth countries about Washington's approach toward development aid.

The finance ministers are meeting before next week's annual International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank conference in Washington, where the grim world economic outlook and the plight of the world's poorest countries are to be reviewed.

Ramphal, without mentioning Reagan by name, criticized his economic policies as self-centered. He said no account had been taken of the impact of the policies on vulnerable developing economies and he attacked the U.S. administration for regarding as important only those countries that figure in East-West strategic equations.

Tanzanian Finance Minister Amir Jamal also criticized the Reagan administration's policies. "We see the high interest rate policy of one powerful country giving rise to a spiral of such policies by other industrialized countries without any regard to what may happen to small, exposed and vulnerable economies," he said.

U.S. to stay level of textile imports

GENEVA, Sept. 23 (AP) — The United States said Tuesday it wants to lower the growth of imports of 'sensitive' textile goods from the third world, but it assured the developing countries it does not seek to reduce their exports to American markets in absolute terms.

The assurance was given in a news conference by the U.S. delegation to the 51-nation textile talks the day after it formally proposed a five-year extension of their textile trading treaty — the multilateral arrangement that runs out at the end of the year.

Robert Shepherd, U.S. representative to the so-called textile surveillance body which serves as the treaty watchdog, said the United States is not able to offer for all textile imports the growth stipulated in the original treaty — a minimum annual increase of six percent.

But he stressed that while proposing to reduce import growth of some products "the United States will not seek a negative import growth, or any reduction of base levels" — the amount of imports of any product in a year from which the increase of its imports for the following year is calculated.

Dollar firm in Europe

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 — The U.S. dollar picked up on New York closing Tuesday as well as closing firmer in Europe over the same day.

The American currency continued on the same vein when New York markets reopened Wednesday. The most noticeable gains were made against the German mark and Swiss franc while the French franc lost over 100 points compared to last Friday levels.

Gold closed a \$458 Tuesday and opened in New York at \$458.50, which is about \$3 less than Tuesday's average trading price.

Several more U.S. commercial banks led by Bank of America and Citibank cut the prime lending rates by 1/8 percent to stand at 19 and 1/8 percent. However, it is noticeable that the major banks are reluctant to cut prime rates by more than 1/8 percent in any one week since they want to avoid any situation when they bring their rates down very fast and are caught in a rising U.S. dollar interest rate scenario.

Fed fund rates closed a 1/4 and 1/8 percent which is lower than Tuesday's 1/5 percent average rates.

However, while the Fed Fund's rates have declined — the U.S. Central Bank has made it clear to the markets that it wants to avoid dramatic falls in its prime lending rates and as such it has also entered the money markets and drained funds.

This signal has been noticed by money markets and as such Eurodollar deposit rates have remained relatively firmer in the long tenors.

In the Kingdom, the rial deposit rates continued to fall very sharply in one-week fixed deposit rates to levels of 3.25 percent. This is a further 3 percent fall over Tuesday's rates.

On the foreign exchange markets, the U.S. currency traded at 2,287.0 levels against the German mark which is nearly a 200 point rise. Continued Polish worries are affecting the German currency since Germany is in a politically sensitive zone on the European front.

The British pound lost a full cent to trade at L.8240 levels compared to L.8350 levels on Tuesday.

The Swiss franc lost ground in sympathy with the German mark since it is indirectly linked to German currency.

While trading at L.92 levels last Friday the Swiss franc was trading at L.94-L.9520 levels Wednesday.

Arab parley on aiding projects open

KUWAIT, Sept. 23 (R) — Finance ministers from five Arab countries are expected to discuss how to allocate aid to development projects in poorer Arab countries before the end of this year, officials said Wednesday.

The five, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, have pledged five billion dollars over 10 years, starting this year, for a plan called the Arab development decade which was adopted by an Arab summit conference in Amman last November.

The ministers, who met here earlier this year, have asked the Kuwait-based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development to prepare a list of projects that need finance in non-oil-producing Arab countries.

There were no immediate details about the plan under consideration in Wednesday's meeting.

The new facility would extend long-term, very low interest loans to finance development projects aimed at achieving Arab economic integration and raising the standard of living in the less developed Arab states.

China to pay Japan \$46m compensation

PEKING, Sept. 23 (R) — China will pay almost \$46 million in compensation to Japanese companies after canceling contracts for five plants at the Baoshan iron and steel complex near Shanghai, a Chinese official said Wednesday.

Liu Xinhua, deputy general manager of the China National Technical Import Corporation (CNTIC), made the announcement after returning from Japan, the New China News Agency said.

The contracts were canceled as part of China's economic retrenchment policy, known officially as "readjustment," under which investment in heavy industry has been drastically cut. Japanese and West German companies stood to lose most from the large-scale cancellations, which raised doubts about China's reliability as a trading partner.

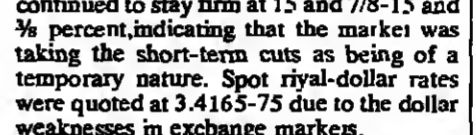
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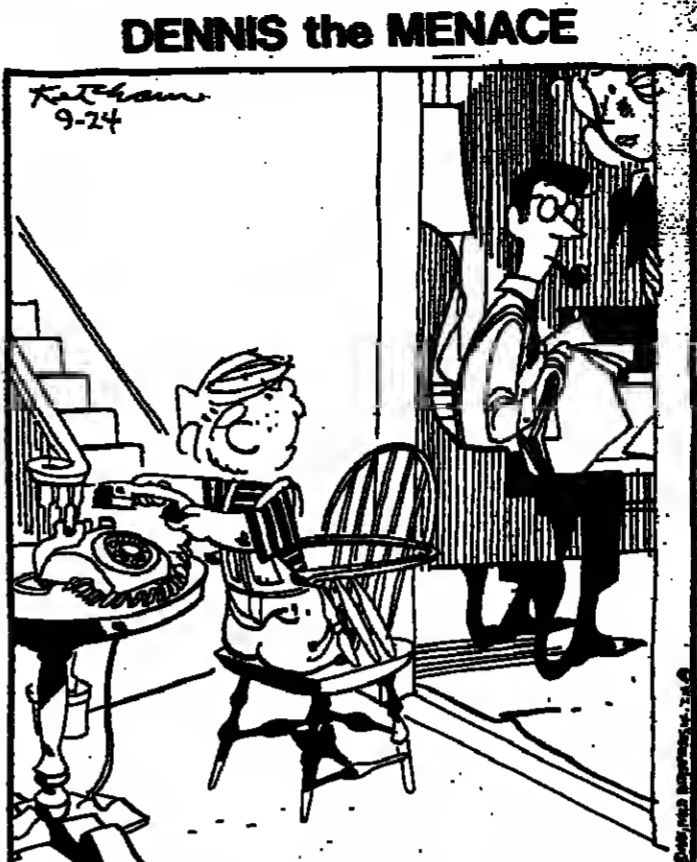
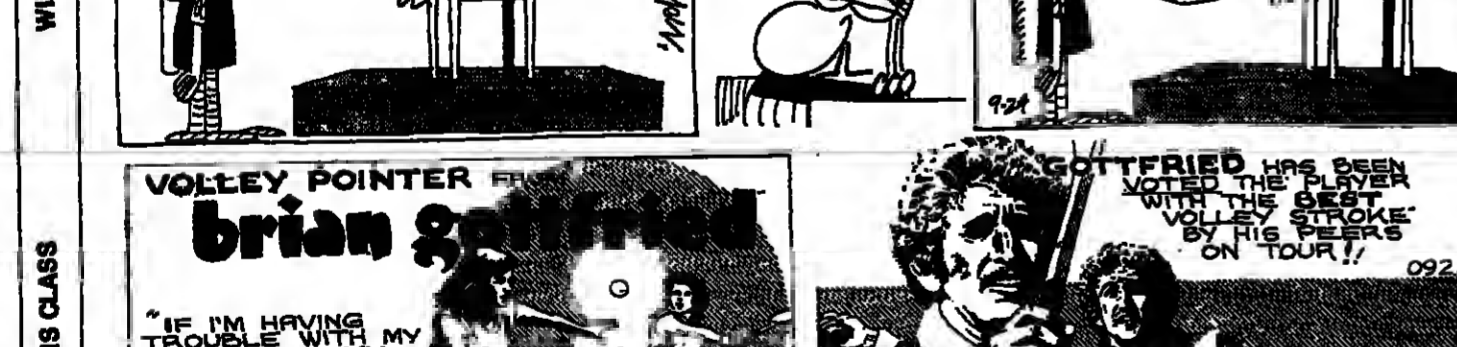
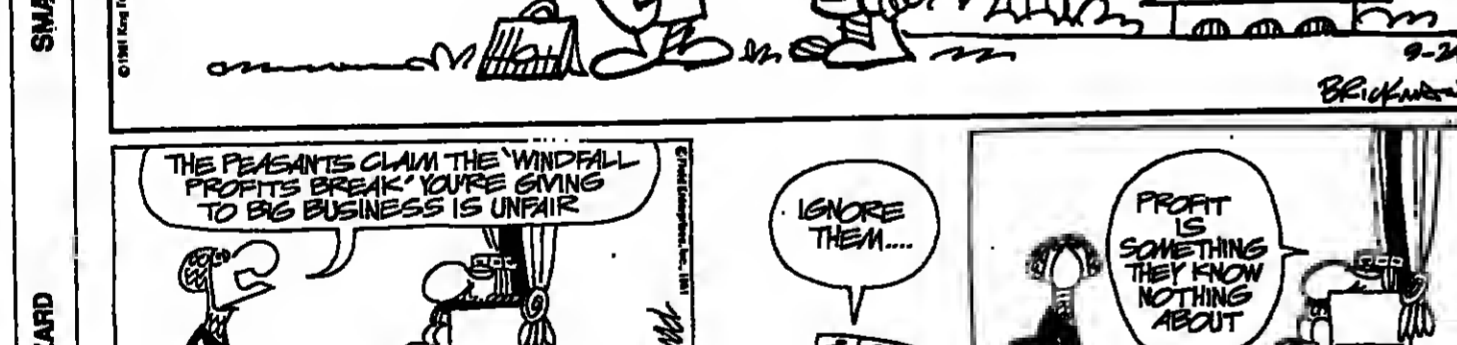
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it:
A Y D L B A A K
K L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and location of the words are all hints. Escapade: the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTE
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♦ A K 10 8 7 2
♣ K Q

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♦ J 10 8 6 4 3
♥ —
♦ Q 4
♣ 7 6 4 2

SOUTH
♦ A K 4
♥ Q 7 3
♦ J 9 3
♣ A J 8 3

The bidding:
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10 3♦ 3NT Pass
4♥ Pass 4♣ Pass
5♦ Pass 6♣ Pass
7♦ Pass 7NT

Opening lead — five of spades.

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Frances Drake
FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1961

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Social contacts are helpful to business. You may receive an invitation to travel. Join friends at a movie or cultural occasion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Career luck is with you and

it's a good time to seek a raise. You may expect a confidential tip. Make decisions regarding joint assets.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Make plans for travel with a dear companion. Partnership affairs are happily highlighted. A close tie feels especially creative.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Work hard now and you'll receive immediate benefits. Job-hunters meet with luck. Follow up on leads. You may

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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Take the initiative in romance. Both creativity and love bring happiness. Don't prolong good times to the point where you become overtired.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Home life and the job both provide satisfactions. Begin new work projects now. Enjoy productivity and take pride in your accomplishments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Make important phone calls. You radiate self-confidence and will make a good impression on others. Take a chance on your innate creativity.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Trust instincts on the job. Shoppers will find exactly what they're looking for. Finances improve now, so make needed domestic decisions.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) This is a good time to promote your interests. Charm and sociability attract benefits. Think positively; don't be skeptical.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You work best now from behind the scenes. Privacy abets accomplishment. Catch up on unfinished tasks and clear the decks for action.

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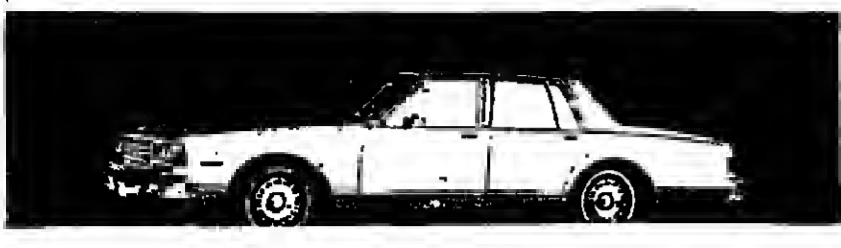
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As Haig, Gromyko meet

Reagan raps Russian buildup

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan has sent Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev a letter denouncing an "unremitting and comprehensive" military buildup by the Soviets, but expressing a willingness to "establish a framework of mutual respect" with Moscow.

The letter was sent Monday and delivered Tuesday, on the eve of wide-ranging discussions Wednesday between Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. While the text of the letter was not released, Dean Fischer, a State Department spokesman, did provide reporters with a long statement he said was based on the letter.

Meanwhile, with the rest of the world watching hopefully, Haig Gromyko met at the United Nations Wednesday in the highest-level meeting so far between the

Reagan administration and the Soviet leadership.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher appeared to speak for many other nations when he said Wednesday he hopes the meeting "will mark the beginning of a new, constructive phase" in relations between the two countries.

The State Department statement quoted Reagan as saying the United States is "hopeful we can succeed in establishing a framework of mutual respect for each other's interests and for mutual restraint in the resolution of international crises."

The president also said the United States is fully prepared to take into account legitimate Soviet interests if Moscow is willing to do the same with American interests. If the Soviets agree to such an approach, Reagan said, it could lead to a "solid and more enduring

basis for U.S.-Soviet relations than we ever had before."

The Reagan letter was disclosed here within an hour after Gromyko issued one of the harshest denunciations of the United States in years during an address to the U.N. General Assembly.

Haig, according to Fischer, said Washington is prepared to negotiate an agreement with the Soviets restraining deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe without "any preconditions."

The Soviets object to plans by the 15-member North Atlantic Treaty Organization to deploy new U.S.-built Cruise and Pershing II nuclear missiles in Europe. U.S. officials claim they are needed to counter SS-20 missiles in western Soviet territory.

While Reagan's letter to Brezhnev concluded on an apparent conciliatory note, it also denounced the Soviet military buildup in recent years which Reagan was quoted as saying "far exceeds Soviet defensive needs and one which carries disturbing implications" that Moscow is seeking military superiority.

He also told the Soviet leader of his concern for the situation in Poland, declaring it "is our strongly held view that this situation only be dealt with by the Polish people themselves. He made clear that Soviet military intervention in Poland would "have serious consequences for all of us."

Moscow said superior in chemical arms output

LONDON, Sept. 23 (R) — The Soviet Union could have a stockpile of chemical weapons more than eight times greater than the store held by the United States, according to reports quoted by the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

In its annual survey on the military balance, the institute said stock levels were impossible to assess but the United States and the Soviet Union were the only nations known to have an existing capacity for bulk manufacture of chemical agents.

It said reports suggested that U.S. holdings total 42,000 tons compared with a Soviet stockpile estimated at 350,000 tons. Briefing reporters on the survey, an institute spokesman said it was easy to conceal the manufacture of chemical weapons. "It is difficult to distinguish a factory making pesticides from a plant making chemical weapons," he said.

The survey said there was no clear evidence about the numbers of personnel involved in chemical warfare programs. The U.S. cites a total strength of 4,700 workers

assigned to chemical warfare, it said, adding: "The Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact have army specialist units from company level upwards, and various estimates of the total chemical warfare establishment range from 70,000 to over 100,000 men."

The survey detailed different types of available chemical weapons including odorless and colorless nerve agents that can cause death within 15 minutes without treatment. "The Soviet Union has deployed stocks of chemical agents and this, together with reports that chemical weapons have been used in Afghanistan and Laos, has stimulated the United States to fund production of binary chemical munitions, which are safer to store and handle, in order to renew the American stock of chemical warfare agents," the institute said.

An institute spokesman declined comment on recent U.S. allegations that mycotoxin poisons, perhaps of Soviet origin, were being used in Laos, Kampuchea and Afghanistan.

Soviet tanks destroyed Afghan city falls to fighters

QUETTA, Pakistan, Sept. 23 (AFP) — Afghan freedom fighters have virtually occupied Kandahar (pop. 230,000), the second biggest city in Afghanistan, according to their leader Gulam Dest-a-Gir here Wednesday.

Eight Soviet tanks were destroyed in the fighting and 18 fighters were killed, he said. About 120 persons had been killed by shelling on the outskirts of the city. Government forces held only an army barracks and the main administrative block, in a "no man's land."

Gulam Dest-a-Gir, one of the leaders of the attack, said that last Friday he led 500 fighters into the heart of Kandahar's administrative center. "We sacked the town hall and took away everything possible before setting it on fire."

He said the government forces withdrew to the airport, where the governor and military command have their headquarters, and **Kekkonen may retire**

started to shell the freedom fighters. He added: "We had to retreat, but the area there is deserted. We also managed to capture the gas works as well as the city treasury in the 'new town', near Charinau camp, the last place being held by Soviet-Afghan troops."

Gulam Dest-a-Gir said Soviet-built helicopters had dropped government leaflets on the city center warning the inhabitants that shelling was about to start. Many people were able to flee in time before it started.

He said: "When I left Kandahar Monday fighting had died down considerably because the enemy had to send a convoy of 300 military vehicles 90 kms to the north to raise the siege of Tirkot, capital of Uruzgan province, which has been surrounded for the past six months."

But a large number of fighters at Kandahar had managed, with the aid of local tribesmen, to halt the convoy at Kotal-e-Faj, 50 kms north of Kandahar. The road ahead had been mined and large boulders rolled down the mountainside as added roadblocks.

American officials told NATO representatives in Brussels Monday that they thought the success of the fighters was due to improved tactics and use of more Soviet-made weapons. Asian diplomatic sources said the fighters stepped activity in recent months and had become more daring in their raids in and around Kabul.

At the United Nations, Afghan Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dost called Tuesday on Pakistan and Iran to hold direct talks "here and now" on a political settlement with Afghanistan.

U.S. advisers attacked

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (AFP) — Two U.S. military advisers in Honduras were wounded Wednesday in Tegucigalpa when unidentified assailants machine-gunned their car, the State Department announced.

One sustained a serious back wound and the other was hit by a bullet in the arm, State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said.

Father, kids ride to watery grave

CESENATICO, Italy, Sept. 23 (AP) — An estranged husband bought ice-creams to his children, took them into his car and drove into the sea from the dock of this Italian Adriatic sea resort Tuesday.

Michele De Maria, a 31-year-old artist and his children, Emanuele, 9 and Romy, 4, were all drowned, police reported.

Several persons witnessed futile efforts of the children to unlock the doors as the car floated briefly before going down. The father sat still at the wheel, police quoted witnesses as saying. De Maria had separated recently from his wife, with whom the children lived. He took Emanuele and Romy with him after a quarrel with the woman, police reported.

In another incident in Palmi, Italy, a man who police said suffered from deep depression climbed on the flat roof of his house Tuesday and shot seven neighbors, killing one of them, police said.

The gunman refused to come down from the terrace on the roof, despite pleas from the state prosecutor and his personal doctor, police said. He was still on the roof.

Poland's leader warns of Soviet aid stoppage

WARSAW, Sept. 23 (AP) — A leading Polish Communist has warned that the Kremlin may cut vital raw material supplies to quell anti-Soviet agitation sparked by the independent union Solidarity.

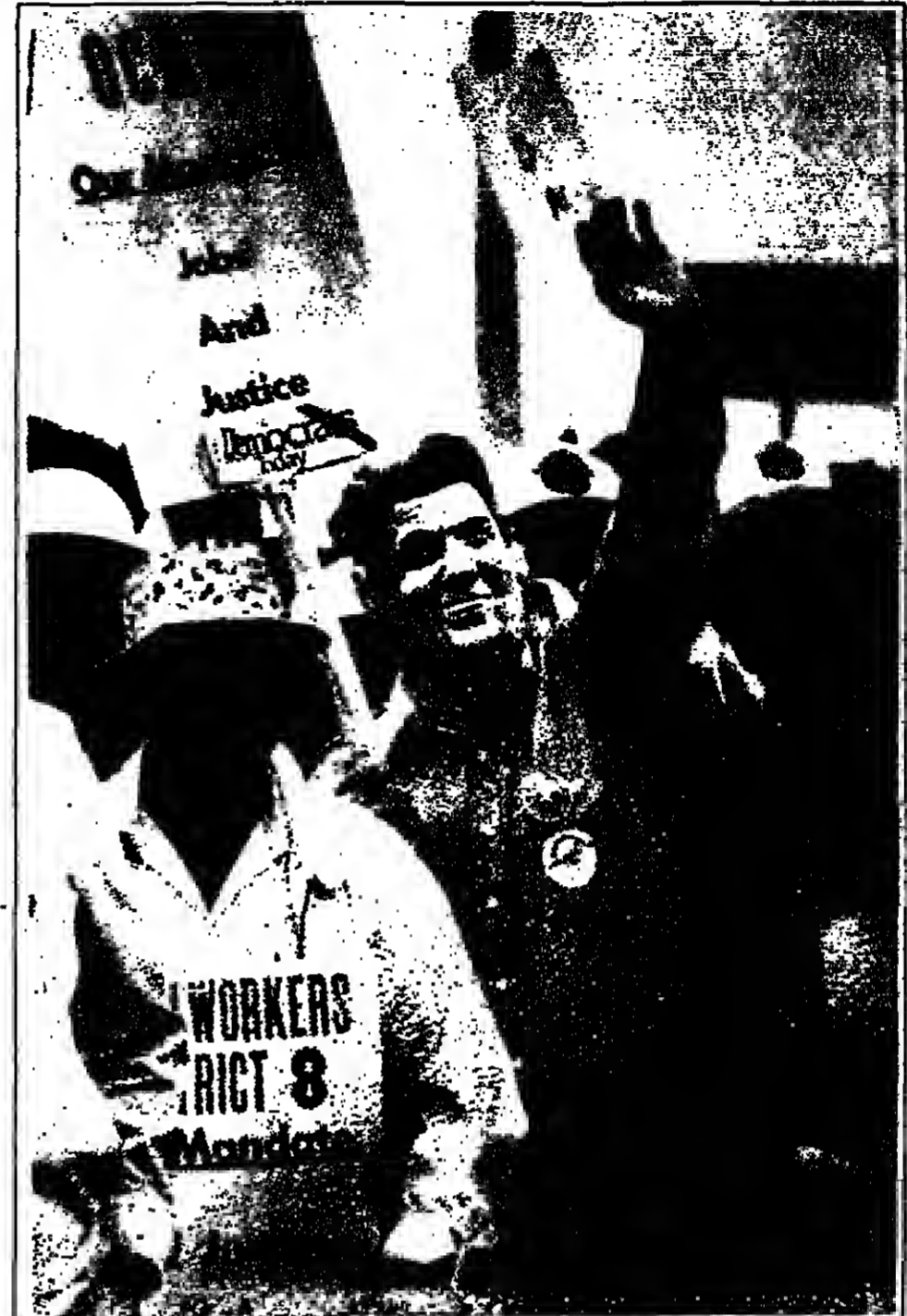
He has also warned that anyone who wanted to push Poland out of the Socialist system should realize "he is pushing the nation into the abyss of chaos, whose end he does not and cannot know."

In a nationwide TV address Tuesday politico-buro member Stefan Olszowski said action or agitation against the Soviet Union, which he termed "our closest ally," would lead it "to reconsider whether to continue helping us."

"The Soviet Union can manage without Polish supplies, but Poland cannot manage without Soviet supplies," he said.

As Olszowski spoke, a high-level Soviet delegation discussed further economic aid for Poland's crippled economy, and the Kremlin stepped up its attack on Solidarity, accusing it of exporting "counterrevolution" to Eastern Europe.

In New York, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko told the U.N. General Assembly that the West was making "no small effort to shake loose the Socialist foundations of the Polish state" and reaffirmed that other Warsaw Pact states will provide "fraternal solidarity and support to Poland."



MASKED: A protester wearing a mask of U.S. President Ronald Reagan and carrying a sign for the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers' Union, marchers in the Solidarity Day protest in Washington recently

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khatun

An Arab friend of mine told me the following story:

He said he went to New York on something to do with the United Nations, staying in a hotel nearby. His habit was to walk to the building daily, this being the only form of exercise he could get in Manhattan. Soon he began to think of himself as a kind of expert on the ins and outs of the area — and anyway, New York's street plan is so clear that you can't really get lost.

And that's why, when a friend invited him to a dinner in a restaurant, and said the place was quite near, he decided to walk there rather than take a cab. He had a street map and he found the place there. It was to be no more than a 15-minute walk.

He went out of the hotel and started walking. And walking and walking and walking; with no restaurant in sight. The area itself changed; and he found himself standing in a rather rough neighborhood, feeling certain that he had made a mistake. The friend was a rich and sophisticated man. This couldn't be an area for him to visit. He thought on the matter and realized that he had walked in exactly the opposite direction.

He said he turned round and was going to retrace his steps when a young woman approached him. "Gotta a light?" she said. He answered he hadn't as he didn't smoke. "Never mind about the light," she said. "Just hand over your money."

He was so astounded he couldn't answer. Then noticed that she was pointing a very nasty looking knife at his breast. You must be kidding, he said. "You know I'm kidding. I know I'm kidding," she said. "but the knife doesn't." And she gave a little jab with it.

He said the strange thing was that he was mainly ashamed of being robbed by a woman. Fear was a definite second. To be robbed wasn't the point; but to be held at knife point by a woman was somehow beyond endurance. But he looked at her and knew immediately that any resistance meant instant death. The knife was still just touching his breast, and the woman looked quite capable of handling it.

"I'll hand over the money," he said. "if you take the knife away." She drew it back slightly, and he gave her all he had. The shame he felt as he walked to his hotel. What did I think of his story, he asked me.

Ha, Ha, was my answer, being terrorized and robbed by a woman, Ha Ha.

"Look here," he said coldly. "If a woman can do it, so can I. You mention my name in connection with this story and I won't be able to lift my head ever again among the tribes. That's why I'm telling you here and now I have a very, very nasty knife, so don't tempt me..."

And that's why no name has been mentioned.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awaid

Polish hijacker shot

WARSAW, Sept. 23 (AP) — Police shot and wounded one of four hijackers after a Polish airliner they had attempted to seize returned to Warsaw's international airport Tuesday night, the Polish news agency PAP reported.

The pilot of the Soviet-Built Antonov-24 had managed to divert the attention of the hijackers during a Warsaw-Kozmin flight and return to Warsaw where a standoff developed, the agency reported.

After exhausting all non-violent methods of getting the hijackers out of the plane, PAP reported, special police units opened fire. One of the four identified only as Gerard F. of Gdanak, was seriously wounded and taken to a hospital PAP said. The other hijackers were identified as Andrej F. Pimierz K., and and Ewaim., all of Gdanak.

It was the sixth attempt to hijack a Lot Polish airlines domestic flight since July 21, and came just four days after a dozen students hijacked a Katowice-Warsaw flight to West Berlin.

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5,000 Spaniards hit by mussel poisoning

MADRID, Sept. 23 (AFP) — A new wave of food poisoning hit Spain over the weekend as thousands of people were intoxicated by mussels. Some 5,000 persons have been treated in hospital, and a 76-year-old man died Tuesday in Aviles, on the northern coast, of suspected mussel poisoning.

This follows an outbreak of toxic pneumonia attributed to industrial oil sold as cooking oil which has killed at least 128 persons since May 1.

The sale of mussels has been banned throughout the country.

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the main threat to their long-range stability is posed by the Soviet Union." Allen told reporters. His briefing was the latest move the administration's drive to win support from Congress and the American public for the proposed sale of the five Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) planes.

The sale, which also includes equipment extending the range and firepower of U.S. F-15s, will go through unless both houses of Congress reject the deal in vote that would take place by Oct. 30.

Allen argued that the AWACS were not capable of posing a military threat to Israel and that, in any case, Riyadh will use them only to defend its oil fields.

He and Air Force Col. Robert Tilac, who joined in the briefing, said AWACS could not detect ground targets moving slower than 90 miles an hour (145 kph), such as troops and tanks, or take photographs or eavesdrop on communications.

They said the planes were flying radar platforms that could detect aircraft attacking oil fields from more than 200 miles (320 kms) away, compared to about 20 miles (32 kms) for ground radar.

AWACS is unarmed and carries no

Hippo kills Kenyan

NAIROBI, Sept. 23 (AFP) — A rogue hippopotamus killed a man as he was crossing Mara River in Kenya's Rift Valley area, it was reported here Wednesday. Two others escaped without injury, the Kenya news agency reported.

Hippopotamus were threatening people and causing damage to crops in the area recently.

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